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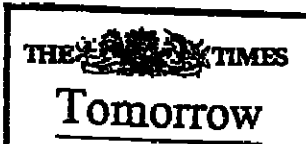

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Canvassing change
A Conservative MP makes a case for the anti-politician.

Changing canvas
On holiday, House Man turns into Tent Man and becomes a new man.

Looking forward

Spectrum observes Sir Bernard Lovell at 70, the man who created Jodrell Bank.

Slipping back
In its attempt to sell off the state's oil interests, the Government is slipping behind in its entire privatization programme.

40,000 US targets in Russia

The United States has identified 40,000 possible targets for nuclear attacks in the Soviet Union, compared with 2,600 in 1960 and 25,000 in 1974, according to a study by the International Institute for Strategic Studies Page 5

Soft approach to union reform

Union leaders have drawn up a composite motion for next month's TUC conference recommending reasoned discussions to persuade the Government to drop its planned labour law reforms Back Page

Nott admission

A Falklands-type operation would not be possible in the 1990s, Sir John Nott, former Secretary of State for Defence, has acknowledged Page 2

Falkland victim

Major Geoff Ward, aged 36, had a leg amputated below the knee after stepping on a mine left by Argentine troops in the Falklands. Sergeant-Major John Devine was cut and bruised

Scientists meet

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Shares slump

Shares fell heavily yesterday, with the *FT* index down by 16.4 to 724, wiping out all the gains achieved in the previous 10 days Page 13

UDR man shot

A part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead by two gunmen on a motor cycle as he left work in Strabane.

Manila witness

A Japanese freelance journalist has said he saw Philippines military guards shoot Benigno Aquino in the head Page 4

Middlesex slip

Middlesex failed to hold on to their lead in the county championship when they were bowled out by Somerset on a sticky wicket at Lord's Page 17

Cram's triumph

Steve Cram, Britain's 1500 metres world champion, won an 800 meters race in 1min 43.61sec in Oslo last night. The time was the fastest in the world this year

Treasury seeking more cuts to stop big tax rises

By Staff Reporters

The Cabinet has been warned by the Treasury that unless it cuts its spending, particulary on defence, there will have to be large increases in personal taxation near the end of the decade.

The warning is contained in a Treasury paper, prepared under conditions of extreme confidentiality, on the financing of public spending in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

It is the first post-election assessment of the options open to the Government during its term of office and is expected to be discussed by the Cabinet when ministers return to Whitehall next month.

The exercise has involved a thorough updating of earlier work which provided the basis for last year's controversial "think-tank" study on ways of cutting spending. It ranges much wider than the study of ways to finance the welfare state which the Prime Minister has already disclosed.

There is likely to be particular emphasis on the growing size of the defence budget if Britain tries to maintain its commitment to increase defence spending by 3 per cent a year beyond 1985-86, when present policy pledges run out.

Cutting the defence budget, which has increased by 20 per cent since 1979, is thought to be essential if other spending departments are to be kept in check over the next decade.

One small victory, already gained in Treasury discussions with the Ministry of Defence, is that the Treasury's Cabinet paper makes no allowance for higher levels of inflation in defence costs than the general increase in prices over the next decade.

In the past the Defence Ministry has been able to claim that because its costs grew faster than other spending departments it should get more money.

Fears about leaks are so intense that the spending departments have not been allowed to play a full part in the latest exercise, which has been carried out within the Treasury. The relevant ministries have been restricted to a limited role providing basic information about their plans.

But a determination not to repeat the fiasco of last year's "think tank" report, which generated such controversy when sprung on Cabinet that it had to be withdrawn, means that a limited exercise in guided public debate is likely.

One idea being discussed is that influential bodies such as the National Institute for Economic Research, the Institute of Economic Affairs and the Policy Studies Institute should take part in discussions on the long-term outlook for public spending.

However, present plans do not involve giving them access to detailed estimates of how spending will grow over the years ahead.

At the heart of the Government's problem is the fear that public spending as a share of the country's output could surge at the end of the decade.

Two forces are expected to come together to produce this. One is the inexorable pressure of demand for better services and more spending on defence. The other is the continuing prospect of slow economic growth, caused more by pessimism about the world's performance than a feeling that Britain will lose ground compared to other countries.

Taken together, these factors are thought to risk pushing up public spending as a share of output from about 44 per cent today to a significantly higher level by the early 1990s. It was only 41 per cent of output when the Conservatives took office in 1979.

The Treasury paper was circulated just before most ministers went on holiday, and has not yet been discussed formally in Cabinet. It provides a warning of severe battles to come in the longer term over the whole course of public spending and gives extra edge to the immediate problems facing ministers already trying to pare £6,000 million for spending plans for next year to bring them within target.

The ripples from these efforts have already been seen in the form of disclosures about plans being considered to cut some of the benefits which are paid to the unemployed.

Labour's hard left to form new group

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Labour's hard left is attempting to set up a national "joint command" of revolutionary and Trotskyist groupings, both inside and outside the party, for a coordinated compaign "to defeat the right."

The organization behind the move is Labour Briefing, a loose alliance of hard-leftists, which has in the past received the support of Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, and a number of hard-left Labour MPs.

Briefing groups, which publish highly-localized monthly bulletins in various parts of the country, including London and Merseyside, decided last month to "go national" with publication of a national supplement.

But a resolution passed overwhelmingly by representatives of the different local groups also stated: "Following the defeat of Labour at the general election, it is now essential that radical sections of the labour movement, both inside and outside the Labour Party, become organized in a coordinated campaign to defeat the right."

It was decided that 12 national "Coordinators or officers" should be elected to organize a "national *Briefing* editorial committee", which would invite "all national organizations of the left to appoint one voting delegate to its meetings."

The national committee would also arrange a national conference, to be held next year, "to assess the progress made by the different sections of the radical left in overcoming this divisions and organizing together within the Briefing structure."

The current edition of *London Labour Briefing* comments: "There is now an unprecedented recognition on the 'hard left' that while ideological pluralism and debate are essential, we can simply no longer afford to allow our differences to obstruct the maximum possible unity on all those issues on which we are agreed.

"In the months that lie ahead, we must build a kind of 'joint command' for all those revolutionary and anti-capitalist tendencies and organizations in Britain which are serious in their determination to win the power to transform society."

One experienced hard-left organizer commented last night that Briefing was evidently trying to recreate the Rank and File Mobilizing Committee ((RFMC) set up in May, 1980, which so successfully organized the Labour constitutional

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Mr Livingstone: Has supported Labour Briefing.

British Gas urged to raise prices

By Jonathan Davis

British Gas, which made profits of £1034m last year, was told yesterday that, having doubled its tariffs since 1979, it is still undercharging its customers by more than £500m a year.

According to a report on the corporation's efficiency by the accountants Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, the state-owned corporation should have taken another £420m in revenue from its domestic customers last year, along with an extra £110m from industry and commerce.

This means that the country's 15.3 million gas consumers – whose average annual bill is £227 – are paying £27 a year less than they should be.

The reason is that while the corporation is easily covering the actual costs of supplying and distributing gas – hence its record profits – it is not adequately covering its so-called "marginal costs" – the price it is having to pay for expensive supplies from new North Sea gas fields.

The report says the corporation should take this into account when working out its future pricing strategy, although it acknowledges that increases would have to be gradual.

The 250-page report, commissioned jointly last year by the Government and the gas corporation, is certain to add to the furore that has already greeted British Gas's hints that it may put up domestic gas tarriffs by 4 to 5 per cent this autumn.

British Gas, which would only say yesterday that it is studying the report, has still

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The minstrel with a Palace all his own

By Kenneth Gosling

Andrew Lloyd Webber, millionaire composer of the hit musicals *Cats, Evita* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*, yesterday achieved his life's ambition of owning a West End theatre, when he announced the acquistion from Sir Emile Littler of the Palace Theatre in London.

Mr Lloyd Webber, pictured outside the Palace yesterday, paid £1.3m for it. Last year he made unsuccessful bids for the Aldwych Theatre and later the Old Vic, which was bought by Mr Ed Mirvish, a Canadian businessman, who outbid him by £50,000.

The 1400-seat Palace, designed in 1891 for D'Oyley Carte as a home for English grand opera, has been the home of the Lloyd Webber musical, *Song and Dance*, since April last year. *Jesus Christ Superstar* was in occupation for eight years and two weeks, deposing *The Sound of Music* as the longest running musical in British theatre history.

Sir Emile Littler, who was present at the Palace for yesterday's press conference, handed over control and management of the building after running it with great success for the last 37 years; he put on shows like *Song of Norway* and *Lilac Time, Flower Drum Song* and *Finian's Rainbow*.

The impressario, who will be 80 next month, said Mr Lloyd Webber and his partners had put on various attractions at the Palace which had been "a very great help to us".

"They have been very good tenants", he said. "We loved having them here. I hope they will not stop doing their homework and will go home and do a lot more."

Mr Lloyd Webber said he was anxious to put something back into the theatre. "I think it will be a project beyond me on my own, but to have secured its future is the thrilling thing."

He is writing a musical based on David Garnett's novel, *Aspects of Love* and produced the hit play *Daisy Pulls It Off* at the Globe Theatre.

The Palace will be refurbished before being relaunched as a centre for music and music hall.

For many years people have tried to buy the building; according to *The Times* in March 1930 an offer of £400,000 was made for the site by a chain store, but the Palace directors rejected it.

Unlike any other London theatre in its form of architecture, the Palace is a Grade 2 listed building. (Photograph by Harry Kerr).

Pakistan mobs spread chaos to more towns

From Michael Hamlyn, Karachi

A mob of demonstrators at Qambar, near Larkana, the home town of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, last night swarmed through the streets of the town, burning and looting government offices, attacking a local jail house and freeing 47 prisoners.

Estimated by local journalists as over 10,000 strong, the mob burnt a number of banks, an officers' mess, a press club, and a telephone exchange. Elsewhere in Sind several thousand demonstrators took to the streets again and the death toll in the nine-day campaign of civil disobedience rose still higher.

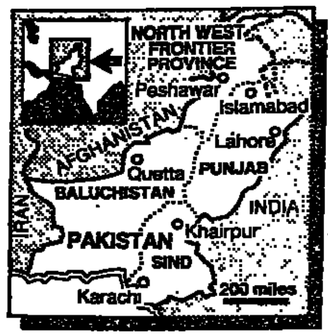
President Zia Ul-Haq braved the Sind disturbances to make his first visit to Karachi since he announced his new constitutional procedures on August 12.

Police opened fire on a rampaging mob in Kandikot near Jacobabad, about 330-miles north of here, close to the Baluchistan border. One person died according to official sources. According to the opposition, 60 to 70 people were injured in the firing.

The protesters, calling for an end to the martial law regime of General Zia, set fire to the railway station, the city court buildings, the local land revenue office, and the fire brigade headquarters itself. Four local banks were ransacked and three of them set ablaze.

The official death toll throughout the country rose to 18, but it is failing to keep up with all the deaths which are officially admitted. Sind government spokesman have said that seven people died in Monday' outbursts in Khairpour and Ranipur, but the officials total includes only three from those incidents.

According to Mr Hassan Feroz, the conveyner of the MRD (the eighty party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy) in Karachi, more



than 60 people have died since the demonstrations first began last Sunday, the thirtysixth anniversary of Pakistan's independence.

He also said that between 14,000 and 15,000 people have been detained during the campaign which went ahead despite President Zia's promise to hold elections before March 23, 1985. The Government say that only just over 700 arrests have been made.

But despite the wish of the organizers to broaden the

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Dublin oil investors run into problems

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Amateur investors on the Dublin Stock Exchange who have indulged in too much speculation in oil could be heading for trouble.

In the past month small investors have rushed into deals on the stock market in shares in the three companies that have holdings in oil exploration rights in the Celtic Sea.

Speculation started in the wake of reports that oil had been found in commercial quantities by a consortium led by Gulf Oil of the United States and in which Atlantic Resources, an Irish company, has a third stake.

Shares in Atlantic Resources rose from a low of 30p in March to 610p on the London Stock Exchange three weeks ago – prices in Dublin are quoted at higher rates because of the Irish pound's weakness against sterling – before settling for a few days at around 500p.

However, in the past two days shares have fallen to 350p, wiping about £10m from the paper value of the company.

Exactly who has been buying and selling shares on the Dublin and London stock markets in Atlantic Resources–and to a lesser extent Aran Energy and Bula Resources, the other two Irish oil exploration companies that have seen short term price rises–remains a matter of city confidentiality.

But there is clear evidence that small investors in the Irish Republic and those whom the stock exchanges describe as "punters" have been buying shares.

Gulf is carrying out reevaluatin tests to confirm if previously reported flow rates of 6,000 barrels of oil a day from one well and combined rates of 10,000 barrels a day from the field are feasible.

The head of Atlantic Resources is Dr Tony O'Reilly, who is chairman of the American-based Ireland Fund. He holds 1.85 million of the 14 million Atlantic Resources shares.

The other big shareholder in Atlantic Resources with 1.1 million shares is Mr Suliman Olaya, a Saudi Arabian businessman.

Thousands cheer death sentences

Peking (AFP, AP) – Thirty criminals were sentenced to death at a mass rally attended by thousands of cheering spectators yesterday and later executed.

The executions were part of a law-and-order campaign launched about 10 days ago. It was the largest group to be executed in Peking for several years.

A notice posted at the Peking intermediate court, which imposed the death sentences, said that the 30 executed criminals included 19 accused of murder, 10 rapists and one car thief. One woman was among those executed. None was older than 35.

The sentences were announced yesterday during a meeting of some 10,000 people at the Peking workers' gymnasium. Several who attended said that the condemned were afterwards taken to an execution ground near the capital. People condemned to death in China usually are executed with a single pistol shot to the back of the head, although occasionally firing squads are used.

Fears in West Germany

Why 1984 is on the cards

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

A car approaches the passport control booth on the frontier. The passenger hands over a plastic identity card, which is fed into a computer terminal connected to a central police data bank. Within seconds, the frontier post closes, a siren starts wailing and a steel cage slams down over the car.

With only five months to go until 1984, this Orwellian nightmare, outlined half in jest to *Der Spiegel* four years ago by the then Minister of the Interior, is fast becoming a reality.

For West Germany is about to issue new computer-readable identity cards which police claim will drastically cut crime, but which a growing number of alarmed citizens see as the first step towards Big Brother's computerized police state.

Shaped like cheque cards and bearing the holder's photograph, date and place of birth, nationality, signature and a computer serial code, the little cards look harmless enough.

And indeed Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the present right-wing Minister of the Interior, who enthusiastically supports their introduction, insists in a ministry pamphlet that they are simply a modern, forgery-proof version of the grey identity booklets that all Germans already carry.

But many people, worried by the growing amount of personal information stored by computers, see dangerous implications. A tide of protest, fuelled by *Der Spiegel*, the Greens and other left-wing groups, has begun to roll across the country.

They call the cards more dangerous than the proposed census, defeated earlier this year by data privacy champions who won an injunction from the constitutional court, and they say the technology of mass control that would accompany their introduction would make West Germany the first society, West or East, under total computer surveillance.

Critics say the installations of thousands of fixed and mobile terminals connected to a police and intelligence services data bank would greatly increase the temptation of the police both to store more information on more people and to ask people to produce their cards more frequently.

The police hope the use the instant print-outs to catch the remaining 30 or so terrorists still at large, arrest criminals more quickly, check on suspects' movements, past actions and contacts, and control trouble-makers at demonstrations.

For not only will the terminals be used for random checks of all those crossing the German frontier; they could quickly be set up on stations, in pubs, at demonstrations or anywhere.

Opponents say these records could easily include the names of people attending trials of terrorists, transit travellers to Berlin (who already have their passports photographed on leaving the city), visitors to Parliament, hirers of cars, hotel guests, those registering on moving house, suspects in drug cases, political activists and anyone whose name has been brought to police attention.

Tough rules have recently been introduced to stop the abuse of computer data, and those not carrying indentity cards when stopped are given 12 hours to produce them. But people fear it will be very hard to stop abuses quietly slipping into the new system.

Libyans in drive south, says Chad

Ndjamena (Reuter) – The Chadian Government claimed yesterday that Libyan armoured columns were moving south in two directions from the northern rebel base of Faya-Largeau.

Mr Mahamat Soumaila, the Information Minister, said some 100 Soviet-built M62 and M72 tanks had been transported to a new base 50 miles south of Faya-Largeau. A number of Libyan armoured regiments had been spotted beween Faya-Largeau some 560 miles north of Ndjamena, and the northeastern town of Fada.

Mr Soumaila did not give a source for the information

He said the Soviet-built tanks had been moved to a new advance base and were poised for an attack on Salal. This is the most forward Government position at the western end of a defence line set up after August 10 when Libyan-backed rebels took Faya-Largeau.

Some of the estimated 1,200 French troops in Chad are based in Salal. They are officially described as instructors but are allowed to defend themselves if attacked.

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Falklands-type operation would be impossible in 1990s, Nott admits

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Sir John Nott, former Secretary of State for Defence, acknowledged yesterday that under his policies it would become impossible in the 1990s for Britain to carry out an operation similar to last year's recapture of the Falkland Islands.

But, the Ministry of Defence said that spending on the Royal Navy, excluding the cost of the Falkland Islands and the Polaris and Trident programmes, was 15 per cent higher in real terms than when the Government took office in 1979.

Both statements were made in response to criticisms made on Monday by Captain John Moore in the new edition of *Jane's Fighting Ships*. Captain Moore referred to the "wholesale emasculation" of the Royal Navy and said that it lacked "the necessary balance for general maritime operations."

The main thrust of Captain's Moore's criticisms were aimed at Sir John's defence policy review of June 1981.

In an interview on BBC radio, Sir John said that in his defence White Paper of 1981 he merely brought the defence budget back in line with Government spending targets.

"There were no financial cuts imposed in the defence review. The importance of the review was to look ahead 10-15 years, knowing that the reality of our position was that we could not afford to keep the balanced naval power that everybody would like to see.

"The truth of the matter was that the navy was overprogrammed and of course I had to cut back the forward plans because the plans were far too ambitious. All the services have to learn to live within the budget they are allocated."

Sir John added: "We must decide our priorities and if the Royal Navy will not decide those priorities for itself then in the end they will have to be imposed upon the Royal Navy".

He said that Britain could not meet its Nato commitments, which were overwhelmingly our defence against an extremely sophisticated Soviet fleet, and at the same time also carry on the general maritime responsibilities

Mr Michael Heseltine, Sir John's successor as Secretary of State of Defence, has said that if he had carried out the review he would probably have taken very similar decisions.

In yesterday's statement, the Ministry of Defence said that this year £700m more in real terms would be spent on the navy. There were 38 warships on order and a wide range of improved weapons and equipment were being developed.

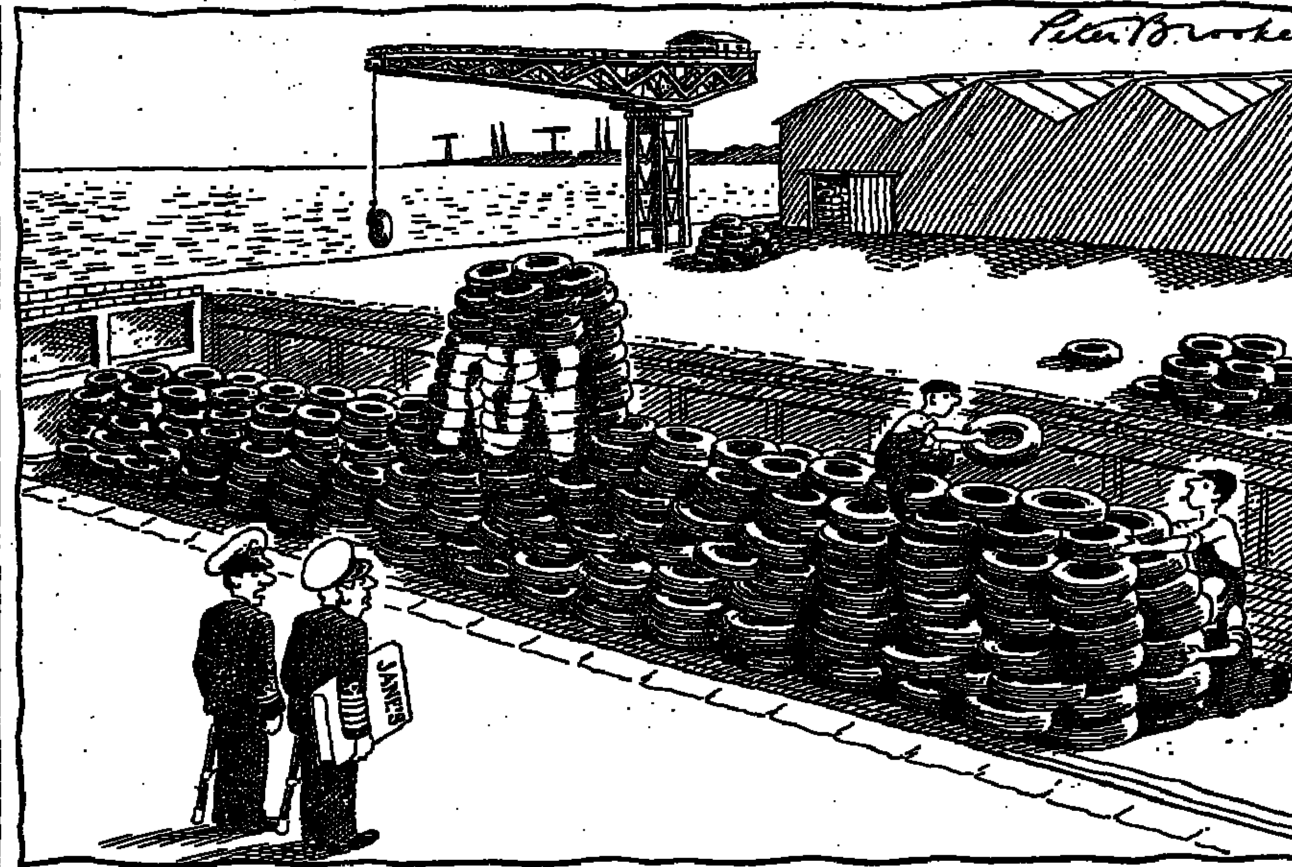
It was incorrect to say that the number of hunter-killer submarines was reducing. By the end of the 1980s the ministry expected the number of those submarines to be more than half as many again as in 1979.

The ministry denied Captain Moore's claim that the design of the planned Type 2400 diesel submarine lagged behind those of other European builders.

Over Captain Moore's argument that Britain would be unable to keep more than two major ports open in the face of sustained mine-laying, the ministry said that the Navy's mine countermeasure capability was to be improved.

● The Royal Navy has decided that it has no use at present for a system which would enable aircraft to be launched, or plucked out of the air, by a hook.

The SkyHook which is still in the very early design stage, was devised by British Aerospace to extend the number of ships which could operate vertical-and-short-take-off-and-landing aircraft such as the Harrier. The ministry has concluded that the system's height could reduce speed and seaworthiness.



'I'm afraid it's all we can afford, sir.'

TUC cracks down on internal politicking

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

The Trades Union Congress has acted to break up the increasingly formal battle between the left and moderates to influence the outcome of elections to the TUC General Council.

It has written to more than 100 affiliated unions telling them that "institutionalized canvassing" by organized groups is "incompatible with good trade union practice and very disruptive to the unity of the TUC".

The circular condemns the holding of private meetings and the circulation of documents containing lists of recommended candidates for election to the General Council which have been a growing feature of politicking within the labour movement over the past few years.

The practice came out into the open in the run-up to the 1981 congress, when the main moderate group mailed its "slate" to a number of unions thought to be uncommitted and asked for their support.

In the subsequent outcry, the St Ermins Group (so named after the Westminster hotel where its members meet) was accused of flouting congress rules that forbid canvassing.

TUC rules state: "Canvassing or bartering of votes for any position or purpose shall be strictly forbidden." Candidates for election to the General Council face a three-year ban on holding office if found guilty of such practices.

It has been an open secret, however, that both left and right seek to gain a majority on the General Council by informal plotting aimed at getting their candidates elected. In the days before Congress starts on September 5, some very competitive lunching is being reported from the political battle front.

The TUC sent out its circular when inviting unions to nominate for the 17 seats on the enlarged, 51-member General Council that are still open to election.

From next month, 34 of the seats will be taken up automatically by unions with more than 100,000 members, six seats for women will be elected by all the unions participating in a secret ballot and 11 seats will be elected by 85 unions that do not qualify for automatic representation.

The confidential circular says: "At the 1981 congress, the issue arose of the canvassing of votes for election to the General Council. In this connexion the General Council wish to make it clear to all affiliated unions that it is incompatible with good trade union practice for 'institutionalized canvassing' by organized groups within the TUC to take place.

"This includes the holding of private meetings, and the circulation of documents containing lists of recommended candidates for election to the General Council. Such developments can only be very disruptive to the unity of the TUC. The General Council will be keeping this under review."

The TUC is having some difficulty enforcing its authority, however. Four right-wing "hit lists" designed to rid the General Council of leading left-wingers were said to be circulating at the end of last year, although documentary evidence proved impossible to come by.

The General Council elections take place on September 6, and it is certain that the intense lobbying of recent weeks will determine the outcome, although both sides are being obliged to adopt a lower profile in their activities.

BA court challenge defended

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent

Lord King, chairman of British Airways, yesterday defended his High Court challenge to the Government's "open skies" aviation policy. Any airline publicly or privately owned, was free to seek protection under the law, he said.

British Airways, which Lord King says will be ready for full privatization by September next year, is attempting to prevent British Midland, its independent rival, from operating a service between Heathrow and Belfast, a route on which the state airline recently introduced its new, fuel efficient Boeing 757 aircraft.

The Civil Aviation Authority's decision to grant a licence to British Midland for flights to Belfast is the cause of the present dispute, but it is also being used by British Airways to bring pressure on the Government to speed the sale of its shares to the private sector.

Close colleagues of Lord King say that he has been upset by suggestions that he is using BA's unique, nationalized position to block competition on domestic air routes.

Yesterday, it was disclosed that British Airways challenge to the CAA's decision would be heard in private by a judge sitting in chambers. The case is likely to be dealt with tomorrow, followed by a full hearing in October.

● Britain's state-owned airports handled a record five million passengers last month, confirming that "vigorous growth" was back after three years of recession, according to the British Airports Authority

Plain man's guide to fringe politics

Parties at work on the left wing

By John Witherow

The following is a brief guide to the main left-wing groups.

Socialist League. Membership: 650. Paper: Socialist Action. Circulation: About 6,000. Formed from International Marxist Group last year. British section of 4th International. Student backing and strong in university towns. At one time set itself up to unite Trotskyist left but met little success. Practises "entryism" in industry (as was seen from dismissal of 13 members at British Leyland's Cowley plant) but with limited success because of middle-class background of most members. Most members now thought to have joined Labour Party and active in constituencies.

Socialist Organisers Alliance. Membership: About 750. Paper: Socialist Organiser. Formed from merger between Workers' Socialist League and International Communist League. Trotskyist. More entrenched in industry and trade unions than Socialist League and has unofficial support from some MPs. Considered somewhere between Socialist League and Militant.

Workers' Revolutionary Party. Membership: 400 to 1,000. Paper: Newsline. Daily print run of about 5,000 but probably sells fewer. Emerged from Socialist Labour League. Expelled from Labour Party in 1960s. Considered too extremist by other leftist groups and lives in "splendid isolation". Achieved publicity through backing from Vanessa and Corin Redgrave and influence in actors' union Equity.

Socialist Workers' Party. Membership: About 4,000 but half that number active. Newspaper: Socialist Worker. Circulation: 15,000 weekly (at one stage 40,000). Grew out of International Socialism group. Changed name in 1977 after steady rise in membership through 1960s and 1970s. Very active in high-profile actions such as Right to Work and long-running industrial disputes. Shuns Labour Party aid and believes it a hindrance to Socialism. Believes that when economic upturn arrives will be able to mobilize rank and file from influential positions. Strong in such unions as Nalgo and the National Union of Teachers, according the Economic League.

Militant. Between 3,000 and 6,000 supporters. Newspaper: Militant Weekly circulation claimed: 35,000 to 40,000. Plans to go daily within two years. Formed in 1950s and has worked solidly within Labour Party. Five candidates at last election and two MPs – Terry Fields (Liverpool Broadgreen) and David Nellist (Coventry South-East). Favours nationalization of media, unilateral nuclear disarmament, workers' democracy, abolition of monarchy and House of Lords, nationalization of top 200 monopolies. Controlling influence within Labour Party's Young Socialists for past decade.

Communist Party. Membership: 15,691 although active members fewer (haphazard decline from peak of about 50,000 in late 1940s). Newspaper: Morning Star. Circulation: Daily about 30,000. Gap between independent Morning Star and Stalinist party executive. Although still powerful in trade unions (three members on TUC general council, including Mick McGahey, vice-president of National Union of Mineworkers). Has lost influence on shopfloor to Trotskyist groups who attract young intellectuals and workers. Put up 35 candidates in June election. Got 12,000 votes. All lost deposits. Members excluded from Labour Party.

Raleigh to cut 600 more jobs

T. I. Raleigh, the Nottingham cycle company, is to make 600 workers redundant, it was announced yesterday. Two hundred and fifty staff and hourly paid production workers will lose their jobs during the next two months. A futher 350 jobs will be lost by the middle of next year, through natural wastage.

The workforce has been halved in the past three years but the company said that it did not envisage any more reductions after the latest cuts.

Inquiry into ambulance crash

Cambridgeshire ambulance service started an investigation yesterday into why a Peugeot ambulance equipped with a life support system overturned on the M11 at Girton near Cambridge on Monday night, injuring its driver, nurse and doctor.

The patient, Mr Martyn Bedford, from March, who was being transferred from Peterborough Hospital to the head injuries department at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, was in a critical condition last night.

RSPCA to hunt marauding mink

Residents of a North Yorkshire town have called in the RSPCA to hunt down mink, after scores of animals savaged two dozen ducklings and 10 adult birds swimming in a stream.

Residents of Bedale, who fear that the mink may attack children who play in the picuresque spot, lobbied the local council. The Ministry of Agriculture has now agreed to supply traps and RSPCA officials will have the captured mink humanely destroyed.

Inquiry urged after suicides

An all-party group of six MPs, meeting yesterday at the Glasgow headquarters of the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties, decided to ask the Government for a public inquiry into young offender institutions in Scotland.

Three people in institutions have killed themselves in ten months, the latest eight days ago. Mr David Godwin, the council's general secretary, said: "The issue will not be resolved by making scapegoats of a few staff at low level."

Channel 4 drops alternative news

Channel 4 has not renewed the contract for the weekly alternative news programme, *The Friday Alternative*, which ends in October. The programme, made by Diverse Production, has attracted few viewers. It is understood that it is likely to be replaced by another alternative media production.

Murder charge

James Mason, aged 31, and his wife Valerie Ann, aged 22, were jointly charged yesterday with murdering David Moore, aged 29, an insurance salesman, from Manchester, in Hulme, South Lakeland, on August 12. The couple, from Ashton-in-Makerfield, Greater Manchester, were remanded in custody.

Bosanquet wed

Mr Reginald Bosanquet, aged 55, the former ITN newsreader, married for the third time yesterday at Chelsea Register Office. His bride was Mrs Joan Platt.

Harrods to promote Hongkong goods

By John Lawless

A 10-year campaign to rid Hongkong products of their old "cheap and nasty" image reaches a climax next March when they will dominate the shelves of Harrods for a month.

Officials of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council who clinched the deal, having made their first approach to the Knightsbridge department store in 1973, regard the event as the "ultimate accolade".

The council is to spend £400,000 promoting the event. Harrods, which has already started sending buying teams to Hongkong, will match that amount.

With the Hongkong Government, its tourist authority and Cathay Pacific airline also contributing, the promotional budget will be worth almost a quarter of the £4.5m worth of goods to be flown in.

The man who first suggested the idea, the council's executive director, Mr Len Dunning, said yesterday: "Harrods has some of the most discerning and quality-conscious customers in the world.

"To have Hongkong merchandise as the theme throughout the store for a full month is the best possible acknowledgement that our products can now stand up to international comparison at the highest level."

Mr Dunning said: "It will now be possible for the discriminating British consumer and the average housewife to afford decent, fashionable goods.

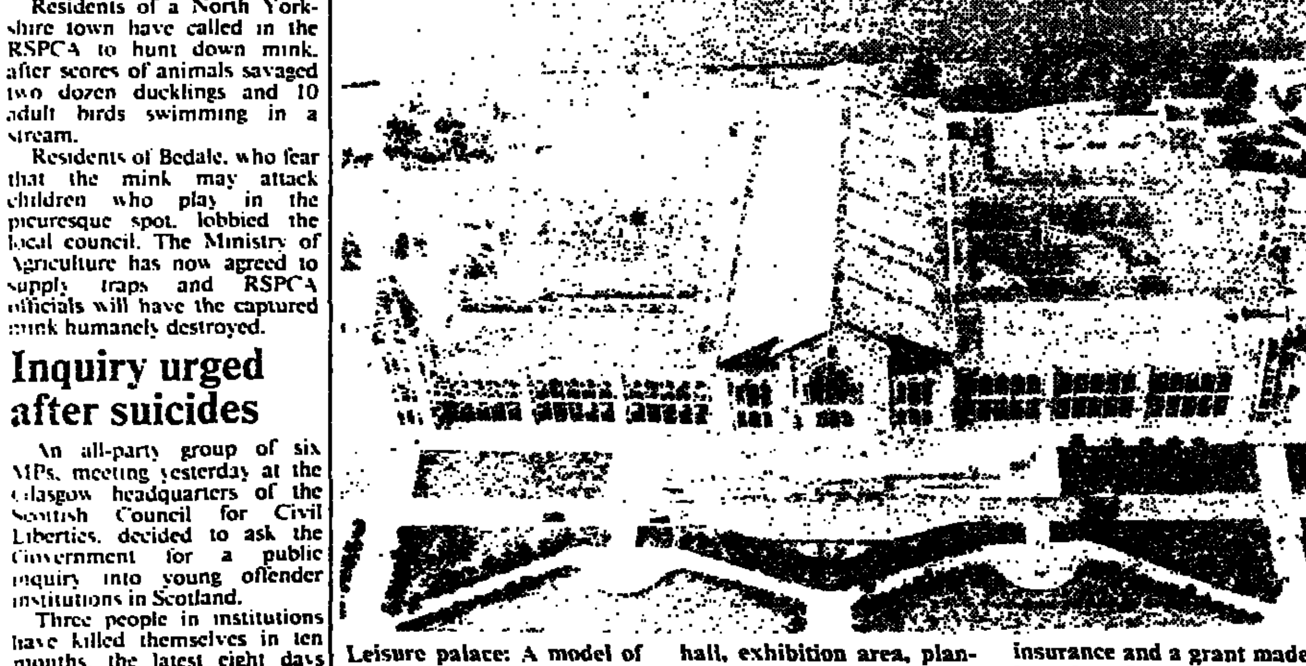
"Equally, the profits Hongkong earns will enable us to buy even more sophisticated high technology products from the UK which, together with consumer goods, will be costing over £700m in 1983."

Mr David de Borman, who took over as senior British representative of the trade council this month, said: 'It will finally lay to rest the myth that Hongkong produces plastic things which go on Christmas trees."

Goods on display will fall into about 30 categories, including audio equipment and video games, luggage, sporting goods, picnic and kitchenware, toys and furniture.

£1m fire charge

A boy aged 15 charged with starting a fire which caused more than £1m damage to a warehouse in Skimpot Lane, Luton, this month appeared before Luton Juvenile Court yesterday. The case was adjourned until September 20.



Leisure palace: A model of a rebuilding plan for Alexandra Palace, north London, approved by the Department of the Environment yesterday.

The hilltop landmark was destroyed by fire three years ago. Now Haringey Borough Council is to spend £34m on a scheme including an hotel, concert hall, exhibition area, planetarium and drama school. In the surrounding park will be riding stables, a zoo and football picthes.

Work is due to start next April and the council hopes to finish by 1989.

The council says the cost of the development, the subject of a public inquiry last year, will be met by insurance and a grant made by the Greater London Cuncil when the palace was transferred to Haringey's ownership.

But last night a local residents' graoup, the Muswell Hill Association, said the council had its sums wrong and ratepayers could be left with a big bill. (Photograph: John Voos).

Councils seek views on regional park

A consortium of local authorities, including the Greater London Council, is asking for public comment on a plan to designate 40 square miles on London's western edge as a regional park (David Walker writes).

The park, the length of the Colne Brook from Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, south to Runneymede, would link green areas, waterways and reservoirs. It is intended by council planners to reinforce green belt policies forbidding development within it.

Mr Illtyd Harrington, GLC deputy leader and chairman of the standing conference of councils for the Colne Valley Park, issued a statement yesterday inviting farmers, landowners, conservationists and recreational organizations to comment.

The plan, costing "several millions" spread over the coming decade, envisages new footpaths, tree-planting and the landscaping of derelict land and former mineral workings.

The GLC proposes to landscape quarries at Denham, Buckinghamshire, and Berkshire and hopes to develop the extensive set of reservoirs near Staines for recreation.

The consortium expects to complete by the summer of 1993.

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Hindley wins injunction

Myra Hindley, jailed for life in 1966 for her part in the moors murders, was granted a temporary injunction in the High Court yesterday banning *The Sun* from publishing further extracts from a statement she made in 1978 in support of an application for parole.

The ban runs until Friday. Lawyers for *The Sun*, which has published the feature on Hindley for two days this week, will appeal against it today.

Hindley, aged 41, was not in court yesterday. She told Mr Justice Mervyn Davies in an affidavit that she feared publication of more extracts from the 22,000-words statement to the Parole Board would prejudice her chance of parole in 1985.

News Group Newspapers, publishers of the *The Sun*, opposed yesterday's ban.

Tower plea to save Earl's armour for the nation

By Kenneth Gosling

The Tower of London is making a determined effort to save for the nation a suit of Flemish armour sold to an American collector earlier this year for more than £300,000 at the Hever Castle sale.

It launched an appeal yesterday after the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art withheld the armour's export licence for six months.

Mr Ian Eaves, the Tower's keeper of armour, described the early seventeenth-century armour as "the finest of that date surviving in this country and the only decorated French armour of that date".

It was, he added, "a beautiful thing" and the Tower, which had bid unsuccessfully for it, was very keen to save it for the nation.

The Tower will have to raise £367,950 for the suit, identified as having been worn by Henry Wriothesley, Third Earl of Southampton.

Best known as Shakespeare's patron, the earl pursued a military career

Nissan modifies scheme for UK car factory

By Our Industrial Correspondent

A scaled-down version of the plan by Nissan of Japan to build a £500m car-manufacturing plant in Britain is under consideration, Mr Takashi Ishihara, the company's president, disclosed in Tokyo yesterday.

The original proposal to make 200,000 cars a year in Britain was considered "optimal", he said at a press conference called to launch new models. And he admitted that once given the go-ahead, the project would have to be discussed fully with Japanese trade union leaders.

Mr Ishihara's remarks are likely to be interpreted in Whitehall as an attempt by the president, a firm advocate of the British development to accommodate opposition on the Nissan board and to calm union fears that such a massive project would cripple domestic job prospects.

The British Government has told Nissan that it would not welcome the project unless the cars had at least 60 per cent local content, while the Japanese unions may threaten sanctions if they believe that too much work is being exported.

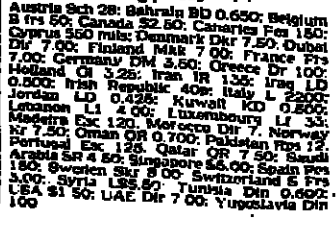
The unions have presented proposals to Nissan, and Mr Ishihara said that as the unions were considered a part of the corporate organization the company had no choice but to take their views into account.

He reiterated the board's promise that a decision on the project would be taken before the end of this year but added that the most critical issue was how long the new plant would take to turn in a profit. A "careful study" of profitability was now being undertaken. Once a positive decision was made no time would be lost in starting construction.

The plan, designed to create 5,000 direct jobs, has been bedevilled by the recession and its effect on the European new car market and a decision has been delayed several times by the Nissan directors. British government ministers who have made strenuous efforts to attract Nissan, remain convinced that the factory will be built, even in a midified form, and that timing is the crucial factor.

Ice-cream fines

Six ice-cream sellers were fined a total of £1,575 yesterday by magistrates in Torbay, Devon for ignoring a new by-law banning them from operating on Torquay seafront.



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Callaghan calls for early cut in interest rates

Mr James Callaghan yesterday advocated an early cut in interest rates and the stabilization of exchange rates between Europe, the United States and Japan, to reduce worldwide unemployment levels.

"It would need a substantial intervention fund of perhaps $200bn to $300bn, but it would be worth while if we are to escape from the present levels of unemployment and provide jobs for our people", the former Labour prime minister said.

Mr Callaghan leaves today for Vail, Colorado, to attend a forum, presided over Mr Gerald Ford, the former US president, which will deal with international trade and changing the world economy.

Kinnock calls for 'realistic' family policy

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

Family policy must adapt to the fact that only 5 per cent of British families are dependent on a sole male wage, Mr Neil Kinnock, the leading contender for the Labour leadership, says today.

He calls for a framework to meet changing reality instead of "attending merely to the traditional image of the family with a male breadwinner, a dependent housewife and two children".

Writing in *Poverty*, journal of the Child Poverty Action Group, Mr Kinnock accuses the Government of a sentimental attachment to ideas of the family while introducing social and economic policies which have imposed misfortune and misery on countless homes.

Poverty for 11 million people means stress, cold and inadequate diets, while unemployment for 4.5 million means pressure, poverty and waste. Both, Mr Kinnock writes, break up families and communities.

The role of parents in bringing children is vital and irreplaceable, but must be understood as an obligation to the whole community. Extra financial responsibilities for dependent children must be met through general taxation, rather than through parents' own contributions or the "family wage" which is the basis of much collective bargaining, Mr Kinnock says.

Much higher child benefits are essential, he says, and low pay should be tackled by a union-negotiated national minimum wage allowing further bargaining for better terms and conditions of work.

Mr Kinnock also calls for an "enormous improvement" in social proviison for child care, particularly by proper nursery provision.

Family policy should also be built on the principle of extending real freedom and choice for families, he writes.

"State support for the family should seek to place particular obligations upon neither the mother nor the father but should recognize, the family unit as a whole, so leaving the members of the family to take their own decisions as to how family work is divided – unencumbered by the particular assumptions of the wages, taxes and benefits system."

Mr Kinnock's contribution is one of several to discuss family policy in the context of current Government plans and the leaks from its Family Policy Group before the general election.

Captain Terry Drummond of the Church Army writes that the present debate on family policy brings a particular challenge to Christians. The Church sould work to develop a new morality based on the redistibution of wealth rather than "become an agent that offers support to reactionary ideas".

Telephone caller says he knows one of the men who assaulted boy

The focus of the hunt for three men who abducted a six-year-old boy near his home in Brighton and sexually assaulted him switched yesterday to an anonymous telephone caller who claimed to know one of the attackers. Det Chief Insp Geoffrey Randle, who is leading the hunt, said that the anonymous caller sounded terrified when he made two calls on Sunday evening shortly after 10pm.

"He said that he knew one of the persons who had attacked the boy and that he knew where the man lived. It was a long distance telephone call from the north of England.

"The caller did agree at one time that he would meet an officer but still refused to give his name or whereabouts. He said that if it was found out that he had told the police that he knew the identity of the man he would 'be in for it'.

"We tried to persuade him to make an appointment or agree to go to a police station or give us some details whereby we could meet and talk with him but he merely repeated that he was terrified and eventually broke down in tears and rang off", Inspector Randle said.

"The same man rang back at 10.18 the same night. On this occasion he said that he himself was gay and that his friend, the one who was responsible for the attack, is perverted. He also said that this man had told him that 'he has done it'.

"He repeated that he was terrified and did not want us to come to his house and despite our efforts for him to identify himself, the man broke off the conversation.

"We appeal to this man to contact us again either by telephone, contacting his local police, or if he does not feel that he can approach the police directly, maybe there is someone he can trust, a priest or a friend, who will help him to come to us so that we can evaluate what he has to say", Mr Randle said.

Each call, both of which the police are treating seriously, lasted two minutes and were not traceable, although it is known that they were made from a private telephone.

"We are always very conscious that some people with a weird sense of humour might play games with us now that we have made this public, but he said a couple of things which we would like to keep back which would help us identify the caller", Mr Randle said. The man had a northen accent.

A left-hand-drive car with German number plates that boarded the Sealink Newhaven to Dieppe ferry and was believed might have been the same one seen in the area of the boy's abduction on the night of the attack has been virtually eliminated from inquiries.

A women saw a brown car with black numbers on white plates, in the style of German cars, near where the boy was kidnapped. The only German car on the next available ferry after the attack 10days ago was a green BMW which has been traced to an elderly couple living in Munich.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, has threatened a backbench revolt against the Government unless the Paedophile information Exchange, which advocates sex between adults and children is banned.

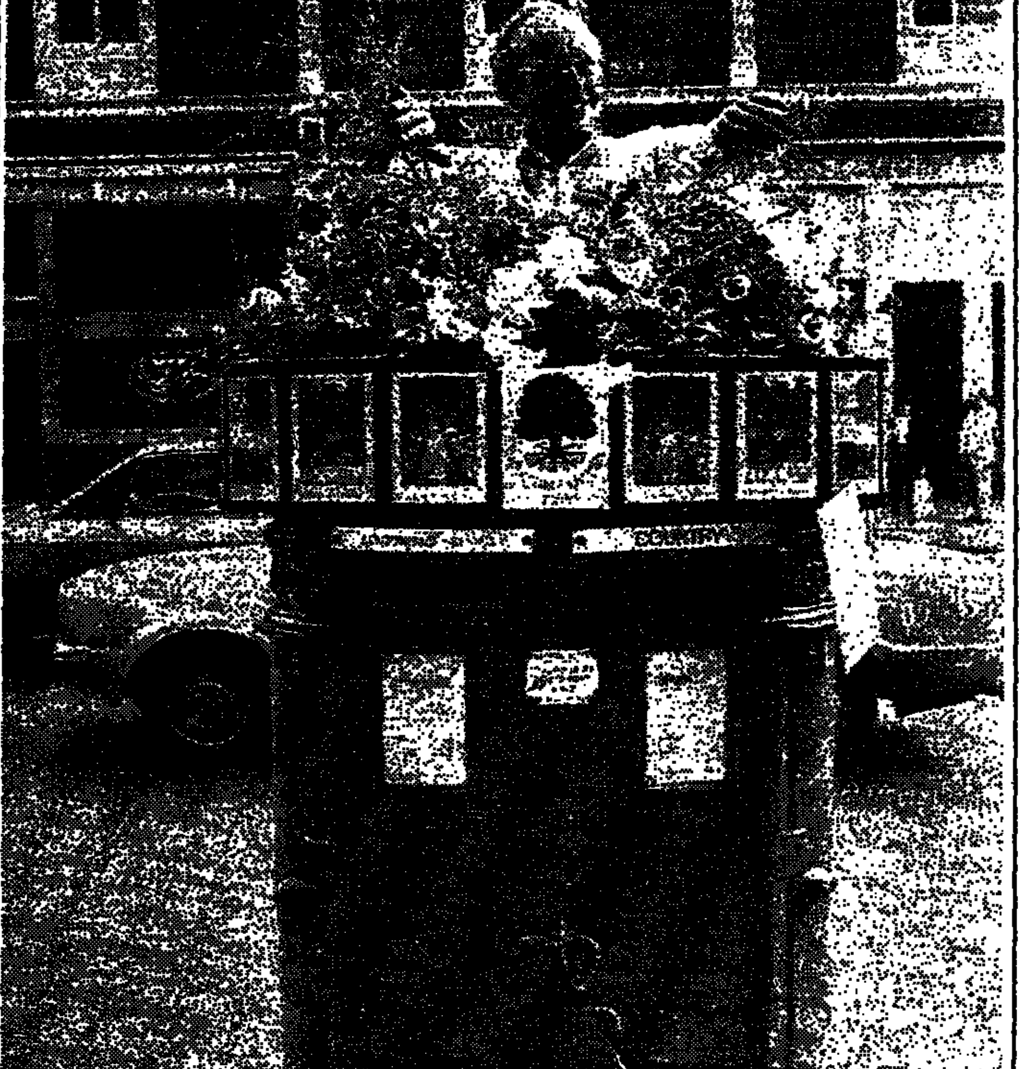
He said that he would not "fobbed off with replies that the present law is adequate to protect children".

"Public opinion now demands action. I have now thrown the gauntlet down to the Government, and there will be a massive row if they do not act", Mr Dickens said.

The Paedophile Information Exchange yesterday condemned the attack on the boy

Mr Steven Adrian, a former vice-chairman of PIE and a committee member, said: "Mr Dickens just sees PIE as a very populist platform".

He said "PIE unreservedly condemns such incidents whenever they occur. People with such callous motivation would have not point in joining PIE. We would have nothing to offer such individuals".



Bizarre blooms: Graeme Garden, of the television comedy series, "The Goodies," living up to his name yesterday by planting flowers on a pillar box in Farringdon Street, central London. The unusual plot came from the Beautiful Britain Campaign and marked the issue of four stamps featuring beautiful British gardens (Photographer: John Voos).

Bailiff changes 'will make credit dearer'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Consumer credit could become more expensive and harder to obtain as a result of a planned 30 per cent reduction in the 1,100 county court bailiffs and a cut-back in their duties, a traders' representative said yesterday.

Mr John Patrick, director of the Consumer Credit Trade Association, told *The Times* that bad-debt losses to the retail trade could be increased by more than £3m by the changes.

Dr B W Bailey, director of the United Association for the Protection of Trade, daid that protests have been made to the Lord Chancellor, who oversees the Courts, by trade bodies.

The Lord Chancellor's Department plans to cut bailiffs' work by increasing the nimimum level for a part warrant of execution from £15 to £50. The warrant is issued by the court at the request of the creditor for part of the outstanding debt.

Broadly speaking, it applies where a court has made an order for repayment by instalments. The amount for which the warrant is issued cannot be less than one of the instalments and at present cannot be less than £15. The new minimum of £50 will reduce numbers of warrants issued.

Economies will also be made in serving of summonses. The plaintiff now has a choice of how a summons can be served to notify the debtor of a claim. The Lord Chancellor's Office plans to remove the choice of having it served by a court bailiff.

Mr Patrick said that the changes could lead to a significant shift in the tactics used by retailers to collect debts. He predicted greater use of attachments on earnings orders. Consumer credit would become much tighter and the customer could end up by paying more.

The CCTA represents companies like Debenhams, the Co-op Bank, Currys, Rumbelows, Woolworth and Selfridges.

New credit extended by retailers in 1982 was £3,370m. Finance houses extended a further £5,938m fixed sum credit.

The Burton Group, the clothing retailer, estimates that it could lose between £300,000 and £400,000 because of the changes. Mr Victor Ware, the credit manager, said that he was also concerned that county courts would not record judgments below £50. 'This meanst that people prevented from getting credit because of their bad payments may well be able to. That will cause bad debts".

Retailers will be most affected by the changes because the sums involved are smaller.

Increasing numbers of people are getting into debt, according to *Clapham Omnibus*, the magazine published by the National Consumer Council. Redundancies have created a new class of debtor, the white-collar worker or skilled worker.

New computer 'links home and school'

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

A new British-made home computer designed to be plugged into the television set was launched yesterday by Acorn, the makers of the BBC Microcomputer. It is half the price of the corporation's model.

The Electron will be on sale for just under £200 from next month in Acorn dealers in 100 W. H. Smith shops. It is not as sophisticated as the BBC Microcomputer which was launched last year and has sold more than 150,000, but it does have a number of its good features.

The BBC Microcomputer has been used extensively in schools and its sales have been stimulated by the television programmes made on computers by the corporation. The new Acorn product, however, has been designed to be used by everyone in the home.

Acorn management says: "The majority of children using computers at school are learning on a BBC Micro. Having a BBC-compatible Electron at home will ensure that their skills are never wasted, since whatever is learned at home can be immediately applied at school. The home will soon become as much a place for learning as the school".

According to a recent survey, girls are 13 times less likely than boys to use microcomputers and only 4 per cent of mothers use them. Acorn is also addressing itself to that market. "Unless girls are encouraged to make more use of micros at home, they will undoubtedly fall behind in the application of computers at school", the company says.

● The most read book in the world, the Bible, can now be analysed using a microcomputer.

Serious students of the Bible have had a special set of programs written for them by Bible Research Systems of Austin, Texas and marketed in Britain at about £150 by Pete and Pam Computers, of Rossendale, Lancashire.

The package can be run on Apple, IBM and Osborne personal computers, among others. The 4.5 million characters of the King James Bible are contained in four, six or eight discs, depending on the machine. The programs allow the user to extract the relevant texts on a particular subject by using keywords.

Straw-burning ban urged to cut waste

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

The annual burning of straw worth about £500m is the biggest waste scandal in farming, the Friends of the Earth organization says in a report published yesterday.

The straw has the thermal capacity of 2,700,000 tonnes of coal and could provide all the heating fuel needed in agriculture, the group says. Burning it in the fields destroys the insects and rodents on which birds depend.

The report calls for a total ban on straw burning and suggest instead a straw haulage subsidy, from funds at present supporting cereal production, to encourage transport from areas in surplus to those with demand.

Strawburning: You'd Think Farmers had Money to Burn. Friends of the Earth, 377 City Road, London EC1, £1.95.

Kidney illness confirmed in girl aged 7

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

A girl aged seven from West Bromwich was confirmed yesterday as having haemolytic uraemic syndrome, a condition affecting the kidneys and blood, which has caused three deaths in the past six weeks.

The girl, who was not identified, is in Sandwell District General Hospital, and an official of the regional health authority said her condition was not causing anxiety. She was admitted to hospital on Saturday.

She is the nineteenth child to be affected in the general area of the Black Country and the thirtieth case of the infection reported in England this summer. The condition of three of the five children still in hospital is improving, but there is concern for two, particularly for a boy aged two who is in a coma.

Irish town prepares for Reagan's return to roots

The people of Ballyporeen, President Reagan's ancestral home in Co Tipperary, are preparing a big Irish welcome for their most famous son.

They are convinced he will visit them this year. They believe he will arrive around October 4, 5 or 6. They have even laid a special tarmac square in the town park which can easily be converted into a helicopter pad.

An unexpected letter from President Reagan last weekend was the latest in a series of strange recent developments which have strengthened their belief that a presidential visit is due.

Although he made no mention of a visit Mr Reagan wrote that he was pleased Ballyporeen claimed him as its own. He was doubly pleased to have "ties of blood" with Ireland.

The letter, to Mr John O'Farrell, who renamed his public house "The Ronald Reagan" after the President's inauguration, was delivered by Judge James R. Lawson, of Boston, who was visiting the town with the Massachusetts Representative, Mr Micahel Creedon.

The letter was delivered two weeks after four American Secret Service men visited the town, which has a population of 300.

Four weeks earlier Margaret Hickler, US Secretary of Health and Human Services, called in on her way home from a conference in Geneva.

NBC, the US television network, is said to have booked studio time in Dublin for a week in October in the belief that there will be a presidential visit.

One Ballyporeen politicain, County Counciller Con Donovan, said: "We will give President Reagan the kind of welcome home which a man of his standing deserves."

The Foreign Affairs Department in Dublin said: "President Reagan has accepted a formal invitation to visit Ireland but when he is coming we do not know."

The US embassy in Dublin said: "We have no reference to a visit. If anything has been planned we would expect to know."

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Altruism in the bat family

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Even bats can be altruistic, according to Dr P. Harvey, lecturer in biology at Sussex University's School of Biological Sciences.

He was supporting sociobiology, the theory that genetic survival can be explained in terms of animal behaviour, and that behaviour behind human evolution is no different from that of other animals.

He described how vampire bats which draw blood from their victims at night regurgitate some of their diet in the day for the one in seven bats which have failed to get a satisfactory meal and are in imminent danger of starving.

Dr Harvey said such cases of altruism pose problems for the evolutionary biologist. If natural selections is a potent evolutionary force, why should animals help others at some cost to themselves?

He said a picture was emerging which he described as examples of either nepotism or reciprocity.

He said: "Nepotism of kin selection involves helping others who are related to you. Relatives share copies of your own genes, identical by descent from a common ancestor. By helping relatives, animals make the survival and propagation of copies of their own genetic material.

"Ground squirrels give alarm calls when they see predators, thus warning others of the danger but possibly attracting the predator's attention".

Farmland 'not disappearing'

The common view that British farmland is disappearing fast under a web of urban development is completely wrong, Professor Robin Best of the University of London told the agriculture section.

The loss of farmland to roads and houses reaches a peak in the 1930s when 25,000 hectares disappeard every year. The rate today is no more than 8,000 hectares a year, according to Mr Best, who is professor of land use at Wye College.

● Limit to working hours

TUC should push for legal limit on working hours, Jenkins says

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

The Trades Union Congress should press for legislation to limit the number of hours that any one can work in a lifetime, Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, told the association.

Mr Jenkins said that he would propose such a policy to the TUC in Blackpool next month because unemployment on the present scale required the force of law to reduce working hours and share out available work.

The regulations would place a weekly ceiling on overtime, and encourage people to take longer holidays, sabbaticals and early retirement. But the details remained to be worked out.

Mr Jenkins was addressing the association's section whose theme this year is "New technology and the future of work".

"The next five years are going to be a period of deep trauma for trade unions". Mr Jenkins predicted. "The general election has changed the social landscape in a quite irretrievable way", he said.

'Next five years . . . a period of deep trauma for unions'

He is urging his TUC colleagues to review their attitudes to work and unemployment. The labour movement has "profoundly misread" the general reaction to unemployment, he said.

Mr Jenkins who had been talking to many unemployed men and women while researching a furure book found that most people accepted the loss of their jobs with quiet sorrow and without anger. Their shocked reaction was similar to bereavement on the death of a family member, he said.

The labour movement was wrong to imagine that insecurity is a common result of unemployment. Mr Jenkins added. The financial compensations which most people received through redundancy payments and company and state benefits, made them feel reasonably secure.

Mr Ian Miles, of the science policy research unit at Sussex university, presented to the meeting the results of a survey comparing the lives of more than 300 unemployed and 100 employed men in Brighton.

The survey found that the unemployed did not spend their

Mr Jenkins: Proposals to the TUC

time slumped in front of a television, nor that they slept more than people with a job. The unemployed men watched television on average for three hours a day, compared to two hours for employed men.

Their outdoor leisure quadrupled, from about 20 to 80 minutes a day. "Much of this time is spent in walking around with the sole purpose of getting out of the house and exercising". Mr Miles said.

But the most dramatic increase was in "domestic work", including household chores, extended shopping expeditions to get out of the house, and do-it-yourself tasks at home. The time devoted to such activities averaged four hours a day for unemployed and one hour for employed men.

The men without a job had more problems with their physical and mental health, Mr Miles found. But unemployed men who maintain a wide range of social contacts, who keep themselves active and involved in social projects or collective purposes, who keep a regular time structure in their lives, and who feel themselves respected by the world at large, report fewer of the negative psychological symptoms associated with unemployment".

Mr Miles said that there were high levels of financial worries" expressed by the unemployed men who were interviewed.

● Computer research race

Seeing stars from telescope in space

From Pearce Wright, Brighton

Plans for an optical telescope in space which will be more efficient than the largest ground-based observatory were described by Professor M. S. Longair, Astronomer Royal for Scotland and director of the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, to the physics section of the association.

It will cost about $1,000m (£650m) and is designed to fit into the cargo bay of the United States space shuttle. It should be ready for launch in May 1986, and will be placed in a circular orbit 500 km up, where it will be refurbished about every two years.

The telescope is a joint venture of the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the European Space Agency.

Reflecting the excitement developing among astronomers, Professor Longair said: "The space telescope observatory is going to dominate the work and ideas of astronomers until the end of the century. We have been planning our programme at Edinburgh for six years."

He disclosed that the preparatory research from ground-based observatories had revealed in the past month objects that were formed when the universe was less than half its present age. And those were among the oldest formations so far found in the sky.

But he said the new telescope would reveal galaxies and stars 100 times fainter than those which could be seen by the most powerful instruments available today; it would peer to the furthest reaches of the cosmos to find galaxies which were formed when the universe was less than a third of its present age.

The telescope will help astronomers see how stars, quasars, black holes and other objects have been chnging with cosmic time; and that is a fundamental onbservation for astronomical researchers.

Professor Longair said stars could be observed at very early stages in heir evolution through their intense infra-red radiation, although it wasnot yet clear exactly what stage this represented in star formation.

There were many basic questions to which astronomers had not clear answers. For example, how did the rate of star formation depend upon the temperature, density and chemical composition of the gs clouds from which it was formed?

Some of those questions would be best answered by infra-red observation. The space telescope would have a 2.5 metre (about 100in) mirror, as well as half a dozen "telephone box" sized containers carrying the electronic cameras for ultraviolet and infra-red exploration, and planetary studies.

Research race is on in advanced computing

By Our Technology Correspondent

Japan's "fifth generation" computer project has spured the United States Government to devote hundreds of millions of dollars to research in advancing computing.

Mr Robert Muller of the British computer systems company, SPL International, who recently returned from a tour of Japan and the US, reported his findings at a session organized by the British Computer Society.

"Not since the Russian sputnik started the space race has anything had a similar effect on shaking the US into a major concerted technology programme", he said.

The fifth generation project, a 10-year effort, described as the most ambitious computing project ever mounted, aims at producing computers which think like humans, based on techniques of artificial intelligence.

Industry had only recently become aware of the huge potential benefits of artificial intelligence, Mr Muller said. That was due largely to the first commercial successes of computerized expert systems which represent and use specialized knowledge in the same way as human experts.

The fifth generation project was in a different category from Japan's past victories in technical fields like semi conductors, video and cameras, Mr Muller said.

"Japan is felt to be awakening to an awareness of its own creative powers. In the fifth generation computer project it has set itself a major technology challenge in a area where there are large research problems yet to be solved. With the cooperation of the West, Japan will probably succeed", Mr Muller predicted."

● £2.5m teaching aid

£2.5m given to teach disabled on computers

The government is to spend £2.5m to put computerized learning equipment into the 700 special schools for disabled children, Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister of State for Industry, announced yesterday.

He said the Department of Trade and Industry already sponsored the development of information technology for the disabled, including the sound bubble, which helps very young children to learn coordination by playing a simple tune, and the contact keyboard, which enables people with coordination problems to use a micro computer.

Researchers at Bristol University, funded by the department, are adapting micros to help deaf children to learn

Mr Baker: "Computers motivate children".

syntax, and the Open University has developed a system to teach blind children braille. It uses a speech synthesiser to reproduce letters pressed on braille machine.

Mr Baker said: "Computers have shown that they can motivate children in a way few adults can and give them confidence by allowing them to achieve results independent of any human being. Their sheer versatility has opened up exciting new areas of educational possibilities".

Handicapped adults could benefit equally from the "compassionate technology" of computers, Mr Baker said. Patients at Stoke Mandeville Hospital who are coming to terms with life-long paralysis find new interests in computers.

"When we had the idea of trying out a few computers on the patients we hardly dared hope for the reponse we have had, yet patients leaving Stoke Mandeville are going out and buying their own computers."

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● Telescope in orbit

School disruption widespread, six-year study shows

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Disruption among pupils in schools appears to be rampant and may be much greater than suggested in the media, according to research conducted over the past six years by academics at London University.

It found that although the disruptive behaviour did not take the form of violence or aggression against teachers, it was in a sense more pervasive and undermining, consisting of inattentiveness and an unwillingness or inability to learn in the way teachers wanted.

Explaining the research yesterday, Dr David Steed, a seniour lecturer at Goldsmith's College, London, said that disruption in two London schools, the subject of study, was so widespread as to be normal.

"Yet paradoxically neither school was obviously disorderly and in both there was evidence that the majority of pupils were learning satsifactorily", he said. When teachers talked about acts of disruption they meant rowdiness, abuse, bad language, talking, chatting and refusing authority.

In school A, a boys' comprehensive in outer London, 101 incidents were recorded in two monitoring periods in the autumn and spring terms of 1977. In school B, a large, mixed multiracial comprehensive, there were 144, recorded in one week in 1979.

All the incidents were described as sufficiently serious to interrupt teaching and require time-consuming action. If the figures were extrapolated over the 40 weeks of the School year, school A would have 2,020 incidents and school B 5,760.

When the researchers talked to pupils they complained of unfairness and said that other pupils doing the same thing were not punished. They said that teachers made up their minds who the trouble-makers were from past experience.

"Clearly what is happening is that different notions of appropriateness and order are in competition and collision: an imposed order which appears to vary, and a pupil sense of order," Dr Steed said.

"Teachers who attempt to ignore or deny the latter, who refuse to negotiate or rely solely on imposition, should not be surprised if their authority, no longer supported in the same unequivocal way by wider societal norms, breeds resentment, apathy and aggression among their pupils."

Youth culture 'will alter'

By Our Education Correspondent

Big changes in youth culture, its music, clothes and tribal customs, were forecast yesterday as a result of the relative poverty of today's young people compared with their affluent predecessors in the 1960's.

Young people would stay at school until the age of 16 but then would go on to the Youth Training Scheme for one or two years, Mr Stuart Maclure, editor of the *Times Educational Supplement*, said. From there they were likely to enter a world in which they would be employed sometimes but not all the time.

Speaking yesterday at the opening session of the education section, Mr Maclure, the association's president, said that this change was likely to affect family life.

"For may there will be periods of employment interspersed with unemployment, with a return to further education, perhaps; with opportunities for community work, with a mixture of part-time and

Mr Maclure: Forecasts profound changes

temporary jobs, legal and illegal, with periods of elation and hope, poverty and despair."

"The reduced spending power of young people is in itself going to bring about profound changes in the youth culture, the music, the clothes, the tribal customs, which commerce has conjured from the short-lived youthful affluence of the past 30 years."

Graphic account of Manila murder

'I saw guards shoot Aquino in head'

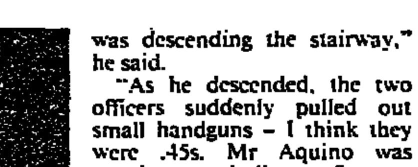
From Our Correspondent
Tokyo

A Japanese freelance journalist, who claims to have witnessed the shooting of the Philippine opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, alleges that the fatal shot was fired by one of the military guards who escorted the politician from the aircraft after landing in Manila on Sunday.

Mr Kiyoshi Wakamiya, a passenger on the China Airlines jet which carried Mr Aquino to his death, told a press conference after his return to Tokyo that the military guard fired at a distance of a yard from Aquino's head. Mr Wakamiya said he viewed the scene through the legs of various people crowding the aircraft's exit.

"I saw from inside the plane that two of the three officers, who took him (Aquino) out, pulled out handguns and shot at Mr Aquino's head from a close range within one metre." Mr Wakamiya said.

"At that time (when the aircraft landed), three officers in Khaki-coloured uniforms came inside the plane. I think they called him 'senator' or something . . . he (Aquino) smiled, and asked me to carry his



Mr Wakamiya: 'They pulled out handguns and shot . . .'

baggage. I was so excited that I don't remember which baggage he asked me to carry . . .

"When he was about to leave the plane, TV crews, cameramen, dashed after him," Mr Wakamiya said. He said that when he and another reporter had moved between 9 and 12ft "plainclothes policemen blocked our way."

"Everybody was standing up. I fell down and I could see clear through their legs he (Aquino) was descending the stairway," he said.

"As he descended, the two officers suddenly pulled out small handguns – I think they were .45s. Mr Aquino was wearing a bulletproof vest, though. They suddenly pulled out handguns."

He said that as the group moved down the stairway from the plane, two officers sandwiched him from his sides and one followed him from behind. Then, when they touched the ground and walked a few steps, thee was 'bang, bang.'I was so astonished. Mr Aquino fell flat forward."

The *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper, also reporting on the press conference, quoted Mr Wakamiya as saying: "I didn't see who fired the shots at that moment. Aquino fell forward without even bending his knees, with blood gushing from his head."

Immediately after Aquino was shot, the Japanese journalist said, another man was pushed by the guards from a waiting military van and then shot dead. The other man is alleged by the Philippine authorities to have been the assassin. The free-lancer said he had "evidence" that the assassination was premeditated by the Philippines authorities, but gave no details.

According to reports from Manila by others on the flight, Mr Wakamiya was in a highly emotional state after the incident. His account of the events was initially carried by Japan's Kyodo News Service.

There were reports that Japanese newspapers carrying the story of Mr Wakamiya's allegations, are not being allowed into the Philippines.

● MANILA: The Philippines Government denied the Japanese reports (Reuter and AFP report). A spokesman said that press conference remarks by President Ferdinand Marcos "should be interpreted as an outright denial of the allegations that Aquino was shot by military men".

Police also announced what was described as partial identification of the alleged assassin. They said only that his name appeared to be "Rolly".

Colonel Luis San Andres, the police spokesman, said the partial identification was based on the embroidered name on the waistband of the killer's underpants and a gold ring with the initial "R".

● WASHINGTON: The White House has made clear that President Reagan intends to go ahead with a planned visit to Manila in November despite the assassination. President Reagan had seemed to leave open the possibility of a cancellation when answering reporters in Los Angeles on Monday.

Family tragedy: Kristina Aquino, aged 12, weeping on the shoulder of her sister Maria Elena, aged 27, in Boston on their way to Manila for the funeral of their father.

Five parties tell Pinochet to resign

Santiago (Reuter) – The leaders of five Chilean political parties, have given a warning of a social explosion with unpredictable consequences, and called for the resignation of President Augusto Pinochet and a return to democracy wihin 18 months.

In a nine-page document, the recently formed Democratic Alliance said a plebiscite should be held at once to set up an elected constituent assemble to reform the constitution and act as a legislature during the transition period.

The five parties in the alliance, all formally banned since the 1973 coup which brought General Pinochet to power, have been the prime movers behind a series of anti-government protests which began in May. Twenty-four people died in the latest protest on August 11 after troops were ordered onto the streets.

"After 10 years, a move to change the political leadership of the state is urgently required. Going beyond political interests, the nation has become convinced that for the good of the country, a person above the quarrels and painful conflicts of recent times is needed", the document said.

It added: "The country and its people today have a democratic alternative . . . and to refuse it is to drive the country to the precipice or to a social explosion with unforeseeable consequences.".

The document expands on themes put forward by Señor Gabriel Valdes: a former Foreign Minister, two weeks ago when the President of the Christian Democrats announced the creation of the alliance, which groups all the main opposition parties except the Communists.

Evren hits back at his critics

From Rasit Gurdilek
Ankara

President Kenan Evren of Turkey yesterday attacked critics of his handling of the country's planned return to civilian rule.

Speaking in the eastern city of Tunceli, he advised the "self-styled advisers" not to concern themselves with constant arguments about whether the present regime was democratic. "We have never claimed that it was", he said, adding, however, that the regime had done its best to avoid exercising a rigid military rule.

He advised the "advisers" to turn their attention to the former politicians instead. And try to persuade them that their intrigues were in vain. He said Turkey's new democracy would be based on "parties and politicians with an entirely new outlook".

Meanwhile, the biggest weekly news magazine, *Nokta*, was shut indefinitely yesterday on the orders of the Istanbul martial law command. The third victim in a fortnight of a crackdown on the press.

The conservative daily *Tercuman* and the liberal *Milliyet* were closed on August 10 and 16 respectively, over articles claiming that the military rulers planned to allow only a chosen few parties to play a role in the promised "new democracy".

As usual, no official reason was supplied for the closure of the weekly. But press sources believe that an interview with the chairman of the Right Way Party in the latest issue probably prompted the move.

Mr Yildirim Avci, the Right Way chairman, had noted in the interview that it was not possible even to visualize elections or a democracy which ignored the nation and its will.

Gdansk workers ignore union go-slow demand

Gdandk, (Reuter) – A worker's go-slow called by a secret committee at the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk appeared to have drawn only a negligible response yesterday.

A shipyard spokesman said work went on normally at the sprawling yard employing some 13,000 people which was the birthplacethree years ago of Poland's now-banned Solidarity trade union.

Out of more than 30 workers from different departments questioned by Western reporters as they came off the morning shift only four said they knew of any response to the go-slow appeal, made by a clandestine committee known as the TKZ.

The protest had been called to bring pressure on the Communist authorities to begin talks with Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader. The Government has ruled out negotiations with Mr Walesa and has launched a propaganda campaign against him.

As he entered the shipyard early yesterday Mr Walesa said the go-slow was going ahead. Questioned about its effectiveness as he left, he would only say: Ask the people".

Local newspapers said the protest was doomed to failure, but the authorities were clearly concerned by the underground call.

Mr Stanislaw Bejger, leader of the Gdansk Communist Party, visited the yard on Monday to speak to workers, and officials said Mr Jerzy Urban, the government press spokesman had been to the plant yesterday morning.

A new TKZ leaflet said the go-slow should continue until mid-September. Initially it was to have lasted only until August 31, the third anniversary of the Gdansk accords which gave rise to the Soviet block's first independent union.

The leaflet said the protest action should spread across Poland, and repeated a Solidarity underground call for a two-hour national boycott of public transport on August 31.

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Australia to double deficit

Canberra (Reuter)–Australia expects a record budget deficit $Aus 8.36bn (£4.8bn) up to June 30 next year, against the 1982-83 deficit of $Aus 4.47bn, the Treasurer, Mr Paul Keating, told Parliament yesterday.

Introducing the Labour Government's first budget, Mr Keating said spending would rise to $Aus 56.7bn from $Aus 48.98bn and receipts to $Aus 48.34bn from $Aus 44.51bn.

"There can be no doubt that this budget, with a deficit increasing to an estimated 4.7 per cent of cross domestic product from 2.8 per cent last year, will prove to be highly expansionary", he said.

The main elements of the budget's spending include a rise for social security and welfare to $Aus 16.84bn from $Aus 14.11bn and in defence spending to $Aus 5.28bn from *Aus 4.78bn.

Foreign aid will rise to $Aus 836.64m from $Aus 744.62m including an increase to $Aus 105.06m in contributions to international aid institutions from $Aus 67.68m.

Other spending increases include a rise to $Aus4.21bn from $Aus3.80bn in education and to $Aus4.29bn from $Aus3.42bn for health, mainly due to the planned setting up of the Government's Medicare health scheme.

On the revenue side, there were no changes in income and company tax apart from elimination of some minor spending deductions and a tightening of a section of tax law relating to property speculation.

Measures announced in the budget, and a 1 per cent Medicare levy on taxable income, are estimated to increase receipts by $Aus1.44bn.

Seoul warns against disruption

Seoul (AFP) – President Chun Dod Hwan of South Korea said yesterday that the peaceful transfer of power was vital to South Korea's democratization. He again made it clear that he would step down when his term ended in 1988.

"We have provided a solid institutional device for democratizaton and all of us must heed it faithfully", Mr Chun said. He added that "now was no time to demand democratization but to practice it." His remarks came in a written statement to the presidential press corps

Mr Chun intimated that he would deal harshly with any political movement that tried to disrupt the constitutionl order under the pretext of demanding democratization.

He was apparently alluding to the recent call by Mr Rim Young Sam, the South Korean opposition leader, for a national struggle to win greater democracy.

In the written interview, Mr Chun indicated that he would abide strictly by the constitution which prohibits a president from seeking reelection after a single seven-year term.

Warlord's heroin base seized

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

Thai forces have captured an important base controlled by Khun Sa, the opium warlord, close to the border with Burma. Squadron-Leader Prasong Soonsiri, Thailand's National Security Chief, said last night that the base contained a large laboratory for refining opium

He said soldiers had found a quantity of opium at the base as well as chemicals for refining opium. The stronghold at Doi Sanchu in the border mountains of Chiang Mai province contained living quarters, more than 50 defensive bunkers, four watchtowers, storehouses and stables for horses.

Squadron-Leader Prasong said only three Thai soldiers had been wounded in the fighting which had gone on for three days in torrential rain. Casualties among Khun Sa's men were unknown but all of them had been driven back into Burma.

EEC differences widen on farm budget

Brüssels (Reuter) – Wide differences emerged today in the European Community over a plan to cut farm spending. The conflicting national views were emphasized in a report by the Council of Ministers secretariat, which was debated at a meeting of ministers and senior officials.

That unlisted farm price guarantees must end and that beyond certain production levels, farmers must help to pay the cost of disposing of food surpluses.

But the secretariat reported differences on the size of the farm budget, the share of sacrificesto be borne by different farm groups, and th impact of proposed import curbs on relations with other countries.

Yesterday's meeting was preparing for a council of foreign and finace minsiters next Tuesday

The Community's Greek presidency aims at reaching agreement of a thorough overhaul of Community finances at the Athens summit meeting in December.

The report said that West Germany and The Netherlands endorsed this aim and Britain sought even stricter controls, but most other states were hostile to any ceiling on farm spending.

US has 40,000 targets for nuclear attack inside Soviet Union

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The United States has identified 40,000 targets in the Soviet Union for possible attack in the event of fullscale nuclear war. This number has risen from about 2,600 in 1960 and 25,000 in 1974.

These facts emerge from a detailed study* of United States' nuclear targeting policy published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies. It was prepared by Dr Desmond Ball, a Senior Fellow of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University in Canberra.

He says that the increase in the number of potential targets arises not because of an increase in the number of Russian installations but because intelligence has located installations not previously known.

He says that at least since 1973 it has not been American policy to aim specifically at the civilian population, but that in practice the significance of this is difficult to discern.

"Large-scale US attacks against Soviet strategic targets and urban-industrial centres would kill from 50 to 100 million people, although successful evacuation measures could reduce the range to 25 to 34 million.

"If population was diliberately targeted, rather than casualties being only side effects of attacks on military and economic targets, then somewhere between 20 and 30 million additional people would be killed."

"It is apparent that, throughout the entire period since 1945, the number of Soviet installations which US target planners have considered it necessary to target has exceeded the weapons available for employment against them."

The Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP) which governs nuclear strategy contains some 10,000 weapons, but Dr Ball says the number expected to arrive at their target could be fewer than 4,000. He says: "There is no doubt that, to some extent at least, target lists have been generated in order to provide an argument for larger strategic nuclear forces."

"It is a myth that US targeting plans have been directed essentially to urban-industrial targets, with little scope for flexibility in the exection of the attack. "Flexibility and an ability to control the escalation process have been official requirements for some two decades at least."

But Dr Ball concludes that the limited nuclear war-fighting option is a chimera, and that "policies which depend upon the ability to maintain escalation control of a nuclear exchange are ultimately incredible."

● **Appeasers attacked:** President Reagan yesterday compared the anti-nuclear stand adopted by the peace movement with Neville Chamberlain's policy of appeasement prior to the outbreak of the Second World War (Nicholas Ashford writes from Washington):

Interrupting his holiday in California to address a meeting of the American Legion in Seattle, he said that peace was an objective and not a policy and those who failed to understand this did so at their peril. "Chamberlain thought of peace as a vague policy and brought us closer to World War Two. Today's so-called peace movement – for all its modern hype and theatrics – makes the same old mistake."

Reiterating his belief in maintaining peace through strength, the President said: "My heart is for those who march for peace. I would be at the head of the parade if I thought it would really serve the cause of peace. But the members of the real peace movement – the real peacemakers – are people like you. You understand that peace must be built on strength.

The President defended his Administration's massive arms build-up, especially plans to deploy the controversial 10-warheaded MX missile, as a deterrent against the Soviet Union. His intention was to try to compel Moscow to negotiate genuine arms control agreements.

Meanwhile, the US army has decided to delay the next flight test of the troubled Pershing 2 missile until September to allow further time for the rocket's engines to be reexamined.

In 16 previous test flights the Pershing 2, which is due to be deployed in West Germany in December, exploded twice, failed to operate twice and badly missed its target on another occasion.

Senator John Tower (Republican Texas), chairman of the influential Senate armed services committee and a key ally of President Reagan in Congress on defence issues, has announced he does not intend to seek reelection next year.

The announcement came as a surprise as the senator is aged only 57 and is considered one of the most influential figures on Capitol Hill. Congressional sources speculated that he might be made Secretary of Defence if President Reagan is reelected next year.

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*Targeting for Strategic Deterrence (The International Institute for Strategic Studies, 23 Tavistock Street, London WC2, 12.50.)

Grass-roots aid: US marines in full camouflage ready to train new Lebanese Army recruits in Beirut

Israel opens dialogue with Arab moderates

From Christopher Walker, Bethlehem

Mr Moshe Arens, the new Israeli Defence Minister, has reversed the policy of his predecessor, Reserve General Ariel Sharon, and opened a dialogue with moderate, pro-Jordanian Arab leaders in the occupied territories, including Mr Elias Freij, the Mayor of Bethlehem.

The decision is seen as evidence that the experiment of relying solely on the goodwill of the Israeli-financed Palestinian Village Leagues has been superseded by an attempt to form a broader base of cooperation.

It is also taken as evidence that Palestinian leaders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are pressing ahead with their stated preference for direct talks with Israel in despair at the rift in the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The switch in policy was endorsed publicly yesterday when Mr Arens arrived with a heavily armed escort for talks in Bethlehem with the mayor and his 10 elected councillors.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Freij, who at the age of 63 is regarded as the most influential West Bank mayor still left at his post, defended his decision to talk with Mr Arens.

He claimed that it was the first meeting he had held with an Israeli Defence Minister for three years. "It is a significant change."

He added: "The Arab world is in disarray, the Europeans have given up and American policy is totally inconsistent. For the Palestinins, this is the most frustrating situation we have ever had, so what harm can there be in talks aimed at improving the lives of our people?

"At present there is no chance of a policical solution and for all practical purposes, our land has been annexed. In thise circumstances, the sensible thing is to sit down and talk to try and make the environment we have to live in more acceptable."

In his meetings with Mr Arens, Mr Feij has pressed for the appointment of moderate, pro-Jordanian Arab mayors to replace the Israeli officials now running the three largest occupied towns, Nablus, Ramallah and Hebron.

He also urged Israel to annul Military Order 973 which severely restricts the transfer of Arab funds to the West Bank municipalities.

● **TEL AVIV:** Four Israeli soldiers were wounded in southern Lebanon yesterday when an explosive charge went off beside a road near their patrol in the Bekaa Valley (Reuter reports).

The French contingent of the four-nation peacekeeping force reported that two of its jeeps on partol in west Beirut came under fire from a car just after midnight. French troops returned the fire

Moscow keeps up attack on Japan

Moscow (AFP) – The Soviet Union stepped up its criticism of Japan with the thirc press attack in two days on what it called Tokyo's "militarization and anti-Sovietism."

An article in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, accused Mr Shintaro Abe, Japan's Foreign Minister, of fomenting anti-Soviet feeling in Japan while pretending to advocate greater Soviet-Japanese cooperation. Mr Abe stopped over in Moscow briefly on August 13.

On Monday the Tass news agency accused Japan of militarization and of violating its own principles of non-possession, non-fabrication and non-introduction of nuclear arms into Japan. *Izvestia* said Japan would fall victim of US trade protectionism.

Four Transvaal police charged

Pretoria (AFP) – Four policemen from Dirkiesdorp, eastern Transvaal, will be charged with murder and attempted murder, after the death in custody of Themba Manana, a suspected cattle thief, on April 5.

Thirty-four inmates of Barberton prison in north-eastern Transvaal, refused to testify at the trial of eight prison officials charged with murdering three prisoners. They want an assurance other staff cannot take revenge on them.

Nazi's suicide

Bonn (AFP) – A former Nazi SS captain, Richard-Wilhelm Freise, aged 74, accused of sending 1,366 French Jews to death camps during the Second World War, committed suicide to escape his trial due in October.

Space delivery

Moscow (Reuter) – A Soviet space module bringing a 770lb cargo of photographs and equipment from the manned orbiting research station Salyut-7 touched down in Central Asia. Still circling Earth is the freight craft Cosmos 1443 that brought the module back.

Trial held up

Dublin – The court martial of Private Michael McAleavy of the Irish Army, accused of murdering three of his UN peacekeeping force colleagues in Lebanon last October, which was due to sit in Beirut today has been postponed because of the shelling there and because of "an administrative hitch".

Captive eunuchs

Geneva (AFP)–Up to half a million men in India and Pakistan have been made eunuchs against their wills, according to a report presented to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights here. It added that some 60,000 lower caste women have been forced into prostitution.

Arms dumped

Aschaffenburg (AP) – A highly explosive stockpile of second World War munitions, discovered buried three feet under the busy railway line to Frankfurt was removed secretly by experts without closing the track. It included six tons of live artillery shells and more than a ton of TNT.

Border foray

Berlin. (Reuter) – East Germany has protested to West Germany over a border incident on Sunday in which unidentified people crossed from Bavaria into East Germany near the town of Oelsnitz and destroyed frontier installations, the news agency ADN said.

Base blockade

Schwäbisch Gmünd (AFP) – Former US State Department counsellor Mr Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon papers, is to join other public figures next month blockading the American air base here in West Germany destined to deploy Pershing 2 missiles.

French public still in dark about Chad

From Diana Geddes, Paris

President Mitterrand is to break his long silence on French policy towards Chad with an article due to appear tomorrow in the usually pro-government newspaper, *Le Monde*.

There has been criticism in the right-wing press about presentation of such critical issues in a form which permits no cross-questioning. President Mitterrand has made no comment since the decision at the beginning of August to send troops.

That decision was taken without the specific approval of Parliament, which has been in recess, nor even consultation with the Cabinet which is due to meet today for the first time in three weeks.

Indeed, the appearance yesterday of M Claude Cheysson before the foreign relations committee of the National Assembly was the first occasion on which MPs have been able to put any questions to ministers on the affair. The meeting was held in private.

The general public has been kept strangely in the dark. There has been virtually total blackout on all official news concerning Chad, which has finally prompted a vigorous protest from exasperated French journalists.

An article in *Le Monde* last week, which it was later revealed was based on an interview with M Mitterrand made clear that while he was in favour of a "scrupulous observation" of France's 1976 treaty with Chad, he wanted to avoid French involvement in actual fighting. France's sole interest was to get the Libyans out of Chad.

That view was supported yesterday by M Roland Dumas, President Mitterrand's emissary to Colonel Gaddafi, who told *Le Matin* that there was "absolutely no question of (France) launching itself into some neo-colonial operation."

The socialists in opposition have always been highly critical of France's role as the policeman of Africa and have no wish to find themselves forced back into that position.

● **WASHINGTON:** The Reagan administration is withdrawing its two Awacs radar surveillance aircraft from North Africa after France's decision to send combat jets and support aircraft to Chad (Nicholas Ashford writes).

According to diplomatic sources, one of the main reasons for sending them was to encourage the French to send additional military assistance.

American officials said the presence of French aircraft in Chad meant that the Awacs were no longer necessary.

Chemical arms dump on show

Geneva (Reuter) – The United States yesterday invited the Soviet Union and other nations to inspect a chemical weapons destruction site at a US army base in Utah.

Mr Morris Busby the United States alternate representative to the 40-nation disarmament committee, said verification of destruction of chemical weapon stockpiles was a main obstacle in negotiatons for an international chemical weapon ban.

He invited all delegations to visit the facility, at Tooele in Utah, around Mid-November. The Soviet Union, Canada, Indonesia, the Netherlands and West Germany were further asked to make presentations on their experiences of chemical weapon stockpiling.

The United States says the system used at Tooele, which it says would only require a handful of inspectors, would help to accelerate negotiations for a chemical-weapons ban in an effort to meet Soviet concerns about the intrusiveness of on-site inspection of stockpile destruction.

Mr Busby denied Soviet accusations that lack of progress at the negotiations was due to United States plans to produce binary chemical weapons.

Ex-secret agent held in Pretoria

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg

A former South African secret agent who was security adviser to the Government of the Ciskei bantustan was released from a mental hospital on the orders of a judge.

Major-General Tailifer Minnaar is being held pending a decision on his extradition to the Ciskei which is one of four independent black homelands. A former member of South Africa's Bureau of State Security, General Minnaar was security adviser to the Ciskei Government under Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, brother of President Sebe. Both were arrested in the homeland last month in a purge ordered by President Sebe after the discovery of a plot to overthrow him.

A police spokesman said in Pretoria that General Minnaar was wanted in the Ciskei on charges under its Explosives Act and Arms Act.

General Minnaar, who had been held in prison in the Ciskei after his arrest, arrived mysteriously at the mental hospital a week ago. In a note to the court he said that a woman doctor could find nothing wrong with him.

New York's hungry children

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Medical teams started examining 7,000 children in New York yesterday after investigators found malnutrition and disease among families living in hotels at the city's expense.

A check by New York state health officials found "significant rates of malnutrition and disease" among children living in conditions of "instability, squalor, violence and hunger".

The investigators reported: "The majority of children we saw were more than malnourished. They wwre weak, underweight, apathetic, diseased and suffering from serious and possibly irreversible physical and mental infirmities."

The report comes at a time when hunger and the conditions of the poor are emerging as a national issue in the US and concern is growing over the effects of government cuts on the poor. President Reagan has ordered an inquiry into the level of hunger in the country.

The malnourished children in New York are in 2,100 families living in hotel rooms partly paid for by the city. They have moved from their own homes because of fire, eviction or inability to pay high rents. Many of the hotels they live in are squalid and infested with rats and insects.

For the hotel owners the homeless are good business. Owners charge rent for each individual at rates agreed with the city. On one rundown hotel a family of two parents and four children is charged £1,180 a month. But the city is allowed to give a family £145 a month for rent, a sum unchanged in eight years. A family also gets a food allowance because most of the hotels do not have cooking facilities.

Mayor Edward Koch, who ordered the examination of the children, said yesterday: "We take care of these people better than any other city, keeping them in hotels at great expense until apartments become aviliable. Should we put them in the Waldorf Astoria?" He added: "It takes people to put that smell of urine in the hotels."

The scandel of New York's malnourished children focuses attention on the city's chronic shortage of low-income housing. The number of displaced families in the city is twice that of last year.

Honduras asks Reagan for permanent base

Tegucigalpa (Reuter) – Honduras is pressing for a permanent US naval base after military manoeuvres now being set up in the country are over.

Diplomatic sources said that permanent base would incease US military ties with Honduras, Washington's closest ally in Central America.

"It is a subject the Hondurans keep bringing up but which the US keeps ducking", said one diplomat, who asked not to be idenitified.

More than 5,000 US troops are flowing into Honduras now for the biggest war games ever held in the region. Two powerful naval fleets will be off either coast of the Central American isthmus as the exercises are held in conjunction with 6,000 Honduran troops.

Honduran military officials have denied plans exist for a permanent US base, but Colonel John Mrus of the US Army said on Friday that a joint decision would be taken on whether the training camp set up for the six to eight-month exercises should remain after the manoeuvres end.

The sources said the most likely place for a permanent base would be Puerto Castilla, a US naval base during the Second World War, now the site of a counter-insurgency training centre for Salvadorean soldiers.

● **AMSTERDAM:** The Dutch Government has forbidden the Royal Dutch Navy frigate Van Nes to join an American squadron on manoeuvres off the coast of Nicaragua (Robert Schuil writes).

The Van Nes, together with a Dutch Navy patrol aircraft, will be joining the yearly American fleet manoeuvres near Puerto Rico for the next few weeks.

A squadron of six ships is to detach itself from the manoeuvres and sail for the coast of Nicaragua to impress Managua and Havana, according to American officials, that the US is capable of stopping arms shipments from Cuba to Nicaragua.

Science city

Delhi (AFP) – India plans to build a city exclusively for scientists with facilities for advanced research.

Satellite smasher to be tested

From Our Own Correspondent New York

The Americans are about to test a satelite smashing missile fired from a jet fighter.

The *Star Wars* type missile contains no explosive. The warhead, a cylinder about 1ft long is designed to lock electronically onto its target and to crash into a satellite at 30,000 miles an hour.

The test, according to *The New York Times* yesterday, is to take place shortly. An air Force spokesman said: "All I can say is that the weapon is non-nuclear and fired from an F15."

The 18ft missile is a two-stage rocket designed to be carried to a height of 18 miles by an F15 fighter before being launched in the direction of a satellite. The rockets speed it towards the target.

Minister quits

Ottawa (Reuter) – Canadian Mines Minister, Mr Roger Simmon, resigned after only 10 days in office citing 'personal reasons'.

Shagari's men lead Senate poll

Lagos (AFP) – With 77 of 85 declared results from last Saturday's federal Senate elections, the ruling National Party of Nigeria of President Shagari has won more seats than any other single party but looks likely to miss an overall majority.

By early yesterday the WPN had won 47 seats, and was expecting a few more from the undeclared results in the polls conducted in 17 out of the 19 states.

Senatorial elections were not held in the western states of Oyo and Ondo, former strongholds of Chief Obafemi Awolowo's Unity Party of Nigeria where the WPN's governorship victories resulted in political violence last week.

All further elections in Ondd have been suspended until further notice while the senatorial polls in Dyd state and one district in adjacent Kwara state were postponed until September 10.

The UPN, the NPN's strongest rival, had won only 12 Senate seats, mainly from its western domain. The Nigerian People's Party led by Nnamdi Azikiwe, the former President, won its 11 seats from the party's eastern base.

The People's Redemption Party of the Muslim reformer, Mr Mallam Aminu Kano, who died earlier this year, lost the two governorships it won in 1979 but took all five senatorial seats in Kano state declared by the Federal Electoral Commission on Monday night. The Great Nigeria People's Party of Mr Wazir Brassita which came out of the governorship polls empty handed, won a Senate seat in Kwara state.

Face to face: Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, with Dr Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, in Cape Town yesterday. They discussed speeding the process towards independence for Namibia.

S Africa reform debate axed

From Rav Kennedy, Johannesburg

A fierce row broke out yesterday over the Pretoria Government's decision to guillotine debate on its constitutional reform Bill, which is being fought through every one of its 102 clauses by the official opposition and the ultra-right Conservatives.

Since debate began three days ago on the committee stage of the bill, which has had its second reading, only 10 clauses have been approved. The Government has decided that debate and all amendments except those of the minister in charge of the Bill will fall away.

The House of Assembly will sit late on Friday night and, for the first time for years, on Saturday morning to complete the committee stage.

There was speculation yesterday that the Government's decision could presage an imminent announcement of a date for a referendum for whites on the constitutional plan, which will give South Africa three chambers of Parliament for whites, Coloureds and Asians.

Mr Alf Widman of the official opposition Progressive Federal Party accused the Government of breaking its pledges that "ample opportunity would be given to Parliament to discuss the most important bill to come before this house, certainly in our time".

Mr Widman said the official opposition was shocked that there had been no consultation before the Government took its decision. He and other Jewish MP's would be forced to sit on the sabbath.

There seems little doubt that the Government's move has been forced on it by the tactics of the Conservative Party, which regards the bill as a sell-out of white self-determination. It is objecting to everything in the measure, even the grammar.

Spain's Catholic schools feel the pinch

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's Socialist Minister of Education has begun to exert greater control, through the purse strings, over the many private schools run by the Roman Catholic Church.

In a ministerial order slipped into the official gazette at the height of the holiday season, Señor José Maravall, aged 41, who has an Oxford doctorate in sociology, has set new levels of state subsidies to all church and other private schools from September 1.

There will be tighter accounting, and limits on the amounts the schools may charge parents for extras.

In no other West European country, except perhaps Belgium, does the Catholic Church play such an important role in both primary and secondary education. It is responsible for teaching roughly one-third of all Spanish schoolchildren.

Last year state subsidies to all private schools for compulsory education between six and 14 totalled 70,000m pesetas (more than £310m), double the figure the previous Centre Democrat governments found when they took over after the Franco years.

It was the neglect of state schools by that regime which produced the blossoming of the private sector over the past 25 years, not all of it up to standard. These are the business interests which now back Spain's Catholic bishops in their mistrust of Señor Maravall.

The subsidies will go up by only 3 per cent this autumn. The Private Schools Federation had asked for a 10 per cent increase, expecting the minister to give them 6 to 8 per cent.

A spokesman of the federation commented to *Ya*, the Catholic daily: "This is the beginning of the sinking of the private education system".

Sènor Maravall's order has been immediately recognized as a foretaste of the struggle expected this autumn between the Government and the Catholic hierarchy when Parliament takes up his Bill, entitled *The Right to Education*, which includes far-reaching reforms to both primary and secondary education.

Positions have already been taken up. Mgr Gabino Diaz Merchán, chairman of the Bishops' Conference, has accused the state of seeking to supplant the basic "human rights" of parents to educate their children as they see fit.

Sènor Maravall has declared that with limited public funds, "the right of every Spanish child to a decent education" must be paramount.

Continuing church influence over education was one of the demands made by the Pope when he visited Spain last November. Sènor Maravall's order came just as a position paper, drawn up by the Catholic bishops and appealing to the government to be "generous" and respect the church's role in Spanish society, had been leaked to the press.

It lists a string of complaints concerning the way in which the Spanish state's 1979 agreement with the Vatican, which replaced the Franco concordat, has been implemented. Under the agreement the Catholic Church receives an annual 6,000m pesetas subvention from the Spanish exchequer.

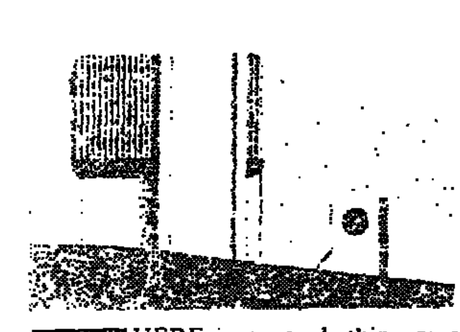
Remembering how Spain's Second Republic antagonized the church before the Civil War, the Government of Señor Felipe González, with its many practicing Catholic voters, has given the church kidglove treatment.

The forthcoming struggle over state and private education will be the big test of whether the Government or the bishops have public opinion on their side.

SPECTRUM

The new and prodigious Wistow Mine was producing coal at four times the national average speed when 18 million gallons of water suddenly flooded the NCB showpiece. The board, hoping to restart operations in a month's time, said the calamity was unforeseeable. Some experts disagree, writes Alan White

Pitting their wits against water



THERE is no such thing as a routine Saturday morning in a coalmine only three weeks old: engineers and production workers are still feeling their way, testing new machinery, working out new procedures. But July 23 was as routine as might be expected.

Wistow Mine, first of five pits in the new £1,000m Selby Coalfield, had been turning out prodigious amounts of coal from the single face that had been brought into use three weeks before. Already, it was producing coal at four times the national average speed; a Yorkshire Television camera crew were 300 yards below ground, making a film on the mine's promising start.

The crew were still filming when a cry, not of alarm, but of curiosity went up from the coalface. Water was seeping through the black wall of solid, high quality coal, standing eight feet high and 135 yards across. There was no panic, but the mine was cleared of all but essential staff.

Within hours of the first trickle, a torrent of 2,500 gallons of water a minute was pouring through the coalface, flooding a sizable part of the mine. The affair became public knowledge about 24 hours later; immediately, fears were expressed among management and workers that the situation might be hopeless, that a project on which the coal industry's future credibility and prosperity depended might end up as a giant underground lake.

Theoretically, it should never have happened. Even now, the National Coal Board admit they do not know why it did happen, and the only way they will find out will be by a series of cautious experiments now being planned at the NCB's North Yorkshire headquarters outside Leeds.

Almost the entire coalfield is overlaid by a thick blanket of water-soaked limestone, known to the NCB engineers as the permian layer. Between this and the coal are layers of other rocks, shales and clay which effectively seal in hundreds of millions of gallons of water or at least they do so until mining begins.

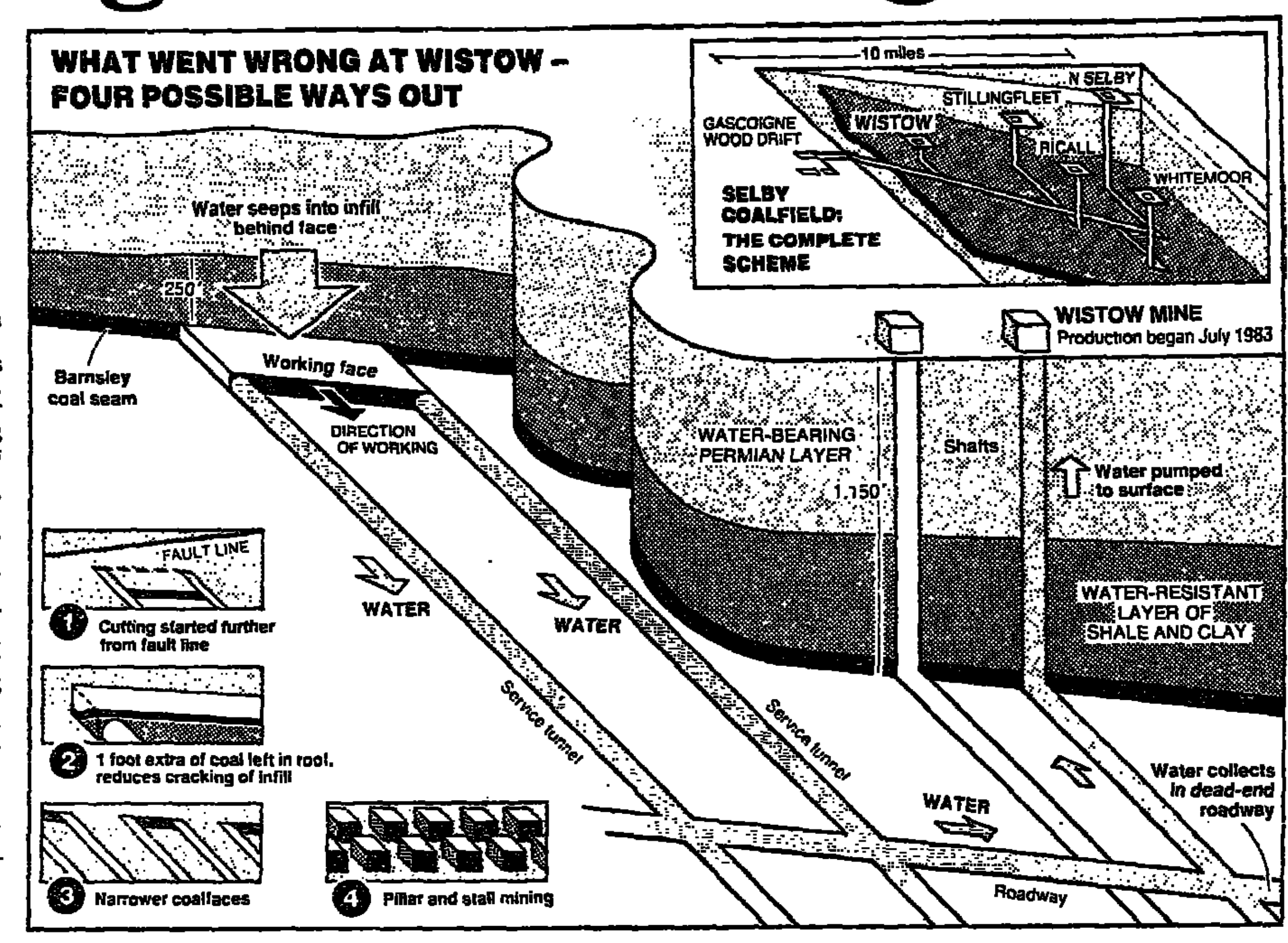
To get at the coal you have to go down through the water-bearing rock. If it is disturbed or broken in any way, the water is released.

But the Wistow coal face should have been safe. The minimum safety limit is 160 feet between water-bearing rock and the coalface. At Wistow it was 250 feet, and to add to the safety margin, the coalface itself is a very narrow one.

Water always has been the hazard at Selby. It is a high investment programme aimed at having five "superpits" working trouble-free high production coal faces and turning out thousands of tonnes a day.

When complete, well over £1,000m will have been spent on it. Like many large projects, it is costing rather more than expected, and is coming on stream rather late. At Wistow, this is almost entirely due to problems with water.

Merely to get the shafts at the pit sunk, the coal board's engineers had to import a huge amount of refrigeration plant to freeze solid the water in the limestone to prevent the shaft being flooded out even as it was being bored.



The ground surrounding it was frozen, the hole excavated and then lined with a special costly grouting cement to keep it watertight after the surrounding rocks have been allowed to thaw out.

At one point, the surrounding rocks, balked at the cavalier treatment meted out to them by the NCB's engineers, began breaking up around the shaft, causing the entire cement lined tunnel to break away and start rising upwards.

UNTIL that Saturday morning, they thought that they had, beaten the water hazard apart from what miners dismiss as "nuisance water" – the trickles and small streams that trouble every colliery from time to time. But this was no trickle. As the alarm went up and the flow increased, a desperate search for spare pumps was set in motion all over the Yorkshire coalfield.

Lorries carrying ready-mix cement and lengths of piping turned up at the pithead. A newly-driven underground roadway, which will serve the third coalface to come into operation in a few months' time, was quickly turned into an emergency sump, capable of holding 20 million gallons of water, to save the rest of the workings from flooding.

At the worst moment, it was virtually brimfull with 18 million gallons contained. It was no dramatic inrush, as in the infamous Lofthouse Colliery disaster of 10 years ago, but the sheer volume coupled with a seemingly endless flow of water caused several black moments for the rescue team.

For the moment at least, the battle has been won. Pumps are now taking water out more quickly than it is getting in, the flow of water has slowed considerably and the coal board say the mine should be working again within eight weeks.

The NCB team say the incident was not forecastable, and with any luck was a one-off affair, something which will probably not happen again, especially since, as the work progresses, the mine will gradually move into deeper and deeper coal reserves farther away from the water-bearing permian layer.

This is not a view shared by every expert. Some engineers outside the NCB say it is difficult to decide whether the coal board is being totally open and honest about the affair.

The seriousness with which the NCB take confidentiality can be judged from an incident a couple of weeks ago, when a Yorkshire artist photographed a collection of new colliery headgear. He was asked for his film, and it was returned minus the headgear negatives.

Dr John Stocks, of the Royal School of Mines, commented: "This makes it very difficult to give any sensible answers about how this incident is likely to affect the future of the Selby project. The NCB play their cards very close to their chest.

"But this must have some adverse effects on their cash flow. The pit is not earning money and putting the damage right will cost extra money. The project has already been subject to some unexpected delay because of the Wistow shaft problem.

"There was considerable euphoria about the project 10 years ago when it was seen as the answer to a lot of problems. Selby is not the attractive proposition that it once was.

"Nor am I saying that this is something which will blight the whole coalfield, but it will almost certainly increase the cost of getting to some of the coal, and I would say there is every possibility of it happening again. I think it very likely they will have to modify their working practices."

In the past, the Monopolies Commission has also been critical of the NCB for making over-optimistic assessments about the coalfield's ability to earn a very high return on the investment. But an indication of how divided opinion is outside the coal board comes from Professor John Tunnicliffe of Newcastle University's department of mining engineering.

He agrees with Dr Stocks that flooding could happen again, but says: "I think the NCB will be able to work at the rate they want to cover the investment. I cannot see it having any great effect at all."

Whether the incident could have been forecast is also causing some debate. The NCB say it could not, some outside sources say the science of subsidence and geological dynamics is such that it should have been possible to predict the inrush.

Says one prominent geologist working in North Yorkshire: "I cannot see why they could not forsee this. They are the leaders in this field, and from the outside, it does not seem to be an exceptional geological circumstance."

This is disputed by Mr Michael Eaton, North Yorkshire area director of the NCB. "Even with the benefit of hindsight we do not think there was any way that this affair could have been predicted," he says.

He now has a list of options tha gradually descend a ladder of desir ability in terms of coal production anc profit. Each potential remedy will be tried out in turn, and the success or otherwise of each step should give the mining engineers valuable clues about what caused the inrush.

To understand the proposed cures, it is necessary to understand the system of mining employed in the Selby field. It is a system known as "retreat mining" because the coalface gradually moves backwards towards the original starting point on one of the pit's underground service tunnels.

Basically, two parallel tunnels will be driven into the seam of coal. Selby's thick, pure seams are ideal for this. The tunnels are driven for a pre-determined length, and the space between them becomes the coalface

Coal cutters move across the face, between the two tunnels rather like the shuttle on a loom. This leaves a void behind the coalface, and the strata above the coal seam is allowed to collapse, in a controlled way, into this empty space. It is this which causes the familiar mining subsidence.

At Wistow the width of the coalface is 135 yards, and by mining standards this is narrow. The width was chosen to keep surface subsidence in the Selby area to within one metre. Similar considerations mean that only between 50 and 60 per cent of the coal will ever be mined.

Far left: the Selby pithead and, above, the revolutionary coalface cutter

The twin tunnels drilled for Wistow's first face stopped short of a known fault line. Again, this is common practice to avoid problems with either gas or water. The favourite theory is that this separation distance was not enough, and the fault line has slipped, allowing water to cascade through the coalface.

"If this does turn out to be the trouble, then the remedy is simple. We simply start farther away from the fault. We know exactly where it runs, and while we would lose some coal, the amounts involved would be miniscule," said Mr Eaton.

"Alternatively, it may be the permian rocks shattering as they collapse behind the coalface, releasing the water. If this is the case, we can either leave an extra foot or so of coal in the roof, which does not sound a lot, but would have a significant effect, or we could work narrower coalfaces.

"We thought this shattering would be impossible, that the distance between the permian layer and the coal was too great for it to happen, but we also thought an inrush of water was impossible. As the impossible has happened once, we want to make sure it does not happen again." Leaving a foot of coal behind in the roof of the seam would theoretically reduce the mine's productivity by 12 per cent or so, but the NCB engineers believe this might be partly overcome by cutting more coal from the floor or sides of the seam.

SIMILARLY, resorting to narrower coalfaces would also hamper productivity because more sets of twin tunnels would have to be drilled.

If all else fails, the coal board will abandon any attempts at bulk production, and instead concentrate on winning the coal bit by bit with pillar and stall mining, an old fashioned technique which basically involves drilling a series of tunnels into the seam. The only concession to high-technology would be cutting machinery rather than picks and shovels. The coal would be got, but at a much slower rate.

But Mr Eaton said: "We should put the whole thing in perspective. If the worst comes to the worst, we are only talking about 15 million tonnes of coal. The total reserves at Selby are 300 million tonnes, so the coal at risk is only 5 per cent of the total."

Even so, the public image of the Selby project has been one of a mass-producer of very cheap coal to feed the voracious appetites of the Yorkshire power stations. This image has been carefully fostered by the NCB who have nurtured their prodigy in the glow of constant publicity.

Now the first doubts have been raised. Everyone agrees that similar flooding could happen again. What no one can say is how serious it might be next time around. At best it is a nuisance the NCB could have done without. At worst a low-tech ending to what was intended as a high-tech demonstration of the coal board's world-beating abilities.

moreover... Miles Kington

Double trouble and yellow lines

We have already read trials of men who removed yellow clamps without asking the police's permission, but today we have something worse: a man who is accused of removing a double yellow line. Moreover is proud to print exclusive extracts from the trial.

Police witness: ... was pointed on the road in 1980 by William Carstairs, a road-painter, it was the property of the Metropolitan Police. On July 14, I observed that a section of it was missing.

Counsel: Where was it?

Police: I don't know. It was missing.

Counsel: Where was it missing from?

Police: Sears Roebuck Road, W1, sir. Under the car belonging to the defendant, registration number SHE 1K.

Judge: A curious number.

Defendant: I hire it out a lot to Arabs, sir. It looks like SHEIK. They love it.

Judge: Quiet! You will get your turn in a moment.

Counsel: No further questions.

Clerk: Call the defendant.

Defendant: Here I am, sir. That was a short moment, to be sure.

Judge: Quiet!

Defendant: I'm sorry. I was under the impression that it was my turn to ...

Judge: You speak when you are asked questions.

Defendant: That seems fair. Fire away.

Counsel: You are Seamas Daldy, of somewhere in Kilburn, and an Irish citizen?

Defendant: I am that.

Counsel: What is your profession?

Defendant: In Ireland I was a motor dealer, sir, but I heard that there were any amount of openings on British TV and radio for bright men with Irish accents, so over I came. Sadly, things have not turned out as I hoped, and I am now forced to run a car hire firm with a turnover of many millions of pounds. Still, it's not the same. Not that I envy Terry, of course.

Counsel: Quite. And on July 14 you parked your car in Sears Roebuck Road, W1, on a double yellow line?

Defendant: No, sir. I parked my car there, but there was no double yellow line.

Counsel: I suggest to you that you found the double yellow line when you arrived, that you scraped away the yellow line and then parked in the space thus formed!

(Silence.)

Judge: Well, Mr Daldy? Answer the question.

Defendant: He hasn't asked me a question, sir.

Judge: *(Consulting notes.)* True. Would you like to ask him a question, Mr Chambers?

Counsel: Did you scrape away the yellow line?

Defendant: No. *(Sensation in court.)*

Counsel: *(Breezily sarcastic)* Are you asking the court to believe that the authorities had painted all of Sears Roebuck Road except the bit you wanted to park on? Are you seriously suggesting that a space the size of a car had specially been left? Do you want us to think that William Carstairs, road-painter, had left a gap for artistic effect? Can pigs fly? Is the moon made of cheese? What porridge ate John Keats!?

Judge: All right, Bill, steady on. You're too old to get rattled by the Irish.

Counsel: I'm sorry, Colin. Things haven't been too easy recently. What with the wife leaving me, the children taking to drugs and Barbican Puzzle losing the 2.30 at Newbury, I've been under some stress.

Judge: I understand. I had a couple of hundred on Barbican Puzzle myself.

Defendant: A no-hoper. You should have had your money stacked on Glue Sniffer, like I did.

Judge: Quiet in court! This is intolerable. The court is adjourned.

(More tomorrow.)

There is a real need to protect these animals, as the final article in this series shows

Monkey turns professor

Cyril Rosen is a trim little man of indeterminate age who moves and talks briskly, even brusquely, like an impatient cynomolgus macaque. He is United Kingdom secretary of the International Primate Protection League (IPPL): he is, in fact, monkey nuts.

Rosen met his first primate 25 years ago: an ailing West African mona which he came across in the bedroom of a doctor's daughter. It had been a gift from the girl's fiancé and she – not being a monkey expert – kept it tied to her bed all day while she attended classes. At night it was given a few nuts, but it also began eating its tail (many laboratory monkeys also self-mutilate). It was about to be put down when Rosen took the animal into his own home and effected an arduous cure.

"That monkey," he says, "became my professor of primatology. I thought I was doing the teaching, but all the time he was training me".

That first friend died at the end of its natural span, but Rosen and his family have known many monkeys since, his home becoming something of a fostering pad for in-transit primates. Living with a monkey, Rosen says, requires a willingness to acknowledge another complex, sentient being and also to relinquish actual territory.

"At one time man was defined as the only tool-using animal, then he was redefined as the only tool-making animal, then the only animal capable of conceptual thought. All these distinctions have dissolved and now we just do not know any more where the boundary lies. I therefore think it is very dangerous to say we can do to primates what we wouldn't do to humans, because before very long we will do it to humans, if it is at all possible. This has happened in the past and it will happen in the future."

Reaching out for some creature comfort

There is a move towards developing alternatives. The Fund for Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments (Frame), with its roster of scientific members, is regularly assessing ideas and urging the application or further research into the better ones.

The most celebrated monkey defence action to date was the undercover work accomplished by a young American, Alex Pacheco, at the Institute for Behavioural Research in Maryland. Pacheco, amassed a mountain of documents and photographs showing the abuse of the institute's primate colony, and so impressed were the local police that they initiated a raid, removing 17 of the macaques into protective custody and arresting the director of the project on cruelty charges.

The director, Dr Edward Taub, is currently appealing against that cut-off and against his conviction on the charge of not providing medical attention. This was the only charge on which the state of Maryland could prosecute.

The Taub case nevertheless placed primates at the centre of the liberationist stage. In the next 12 months Mobilization for Animals, embracing 400 welfare and protection groups around the world, plans to organize mass demonstrations at all the US primate centres and at major institutions overseas.

Cyril Rosen believes that while these are substantial developments, ultimately the monkey's best hope lies not in mass action, but in plain economics.

"What really stopped human slavery was the growth of the industrial society and the need for humans as purchasers rather than as slaves. If monkeys become so scarce and expensive that they are an impractical tool for much routine work – as is becoming the case – then the alternative is to look for cheaper tools. Man is ingenious enough to find those other means."

Some small conservation measures have been taken lately to preserve monkeys. To complicate matters, however, there is now a host of programmes posing under the conservation label, yet which may be according to Rosen no more than dressed-up procurement projects: the source countries get half-hearted research and breeding aid, and America, in particular, gets the monkeys. Many of these projects are inspired by US government agencies, while the World Health Organization has also been drawn in to lend its own considerable leverage.

The IPPL is undertaking what it believes to be a more effective approach to the scarcity problem. In Rwanda, for instance, it has helped set up anti-poaching patrols on behalf of the rare mountain gorilla, and in Gambia it supports a project through which orphaned US laboratory chimps are returned to the wild.

These actions are perhaps dribbles against the general tide, of significance only to a supreme optimist. For the greatest problem that confronts the world's wild and captive primates is the one that imperils the rest of the globe – a plague of foolish humans.

Andrew Tyler

Additional reporting by John May (UK) and Lee Torrey (US).

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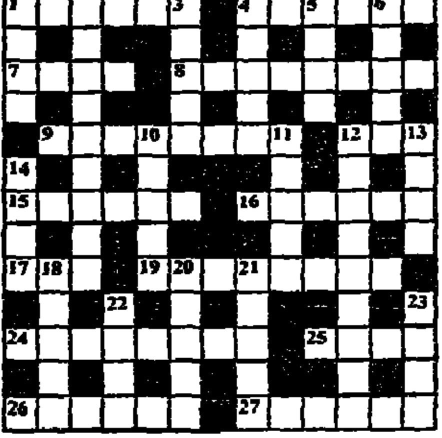

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Barry Manilow arrived in England yesterday. Two women are ready for him

St Barry's disciples

"A bumper helping of Manilove to you all"..."Have a very Barry Christmas..." The 17,000 members of the BMIFC (Barry Manilow International Fan Club) UK have their own special language as well as their own special quarterly magazine called *Prelude*. The operation is managed by Mollie and Lynn, two humorous women in their forties, who are coy about revealing their surnames or the stories behind their broken marriages but forthcoming on the subject of their hero, the beanpole-thin warbler with the rippling blond curls, who has just entered the *Guinness Book of Records* for the fastest ever Broadway show sell-out.

Manilow is known variously as Mr Magic and The Housewives' Heart-throb.

"He's a very special person," Lynn said. "It's going to sound really corny to say that sometimes someone comes along who has that extra special charisma, but that's what Barry is. I think he should be called Saint Barry, don't you?"

The Surbiton office of BMIFC (UK) is wall to wall Manilow mania with enough posters, photographs and mementos of BM to keep the 17,000 in a permanent swoon. In some of the posters, Barry's blue eyes, under inexpert lighting, have turned Malteser brown, giving him the look of a sick camel. Mollie said this was because, unlike vainer performers, Barry allows photographs to be taken during his concerts and the results aren't always perfect.

Before Mr Magic entered their lives, Mollie and Lynn were part-time secretaries. In 1978, they went to Barry's first British concert at the London Palladium and became so devoted that Arista, Barry's record company, asked them to take over his fan club.

"It was going to be a *hobby*," said Mollie, "just something we did a couple of evenings a week." But as the club grew from 535 members to a figure topped only by the Elvis Presley fan club, it became clear that Barry needed Mollie and Lynn's full-time attention.

Lynn continued her office job for a while, clamping on empty earphones and wearing a busy expression as she did fan club correspondence. She got the sack when this was discovered and then she and Mollie set up the Surbiton office, funded partly by the £5 fan club subscriptions and partly by Barry's personal management company, which chips in with the odd Telex machine.

Last year, they went to all 14 United Kingdom Manilow concerts and organized conventions, including one at the Blackpool Pontins where the fans played Barry Bingo. "The prizes were all something to do with Barry, like a Barry T-shirt, and the numbers were matched to his songs like 'Forty-four, Break down the Door'."

This year they took a party of British fans to the Chicago convention. In addition to editing *Prelude*, they order badges and car stickers – a sample on Mollie's Renault proclaims "Barry I Wanna Do It With You" – and reply personally to all letters. At the moment they are heavily involved with the arrangements for Barry's only United Kingdom concert this year on Saturday at Blenheim Palace, some of the 60,000 fans attending will be coming from as far away as Scotland. For such strenuous efforts, Arista and the fan club presented Mollie and Lynn with Barry Awards, "For Bringing Barry closer to us".

Mollie's daughters, aged 19 and 21, and Lynn's daughter, aged 18, and son, aged 14, have got used to living with Manilow mania. "In any case," said Mollie, "neither of us ever felt completely fulfilled by motherhood."

I asked why Barry was different from other heart-throbs, such as Tom Jones or Burt Reynolds, (Mollie and Lynn grimaced at the mention of those two). Lynn recently told Barry himself exactly why he is so marvellous. "I'll try and explain it to you in the same way that I explained it to Barry," she said. "You see, what people love first about Barry is the music. Then they learn to love the man. His sex appeal is part of that love. With a sex symbol, you think the man is sexy and that's it – it's not a lasting thing. With Barry, it's something so wonderful that his fans need to communicate their feelings to each other. Every weekend, somewhere in this country, you'll find a group of Barry's fans meeting together.

"I don't think of it as a fan club. I think of it as a family."

Penny Perrick

Mike Abrahams

Mollie, left, and Lynn: not completely fulfilled by motherhood

Cleaning up the house. . . .and the dirty phone calls

FIRST PERSON

Beryl Hugill

The sunlit, honeysuckle-bowered Chelsea patio was littered with the leavings of the previous night's meal – green pasta lay congealed in a bright pink tomato sauce. Mounds of washing-up formed a greasy mountain in the kitchen; the hob swam in oil; brimming ashtrays, damp towels and dirty clothes made a trail from bedrooms to bathrooms and, not to put too fine a point on it, the khaki carpets in the hall and dining-room were coloured with the glistening droppings from two fluffy, cat-sized Maltese terriers.

If you thought that I had become some born-again slut in this bijou residence just round the corner from a certain person's home in Flood Street you would be wrong. The certain person would have been pleased to discover that I had priced myself into a new career and that the chaos that greeted me that hot morning was my task as a char to clear up.

The venture had begun six months after my husband's sudden death and my failure to persuade potential employers that I was a dab hand as a press officer and journalist. Nine years out of full-time employment caring for my two sons meant that I was not greeted with alacrity at job interviews. There was nothing else for it – if I were to find the extra loot to pay the bills and to make life bearable by affording a bottle of wine to share among friends, I would become a Mrs Mopp.

What I thought was a carefully worded advertisement was placed in my local paper. It brought a mixed crop of responses. I had made the mistake, I think, of describing myself as energetic, and got one half-hearted attempt at a dirty telephone call – did I do anything else (other than the light housework and child-minding which I had offered)? asked the male voice at the end of the telephone. I inquired what he had in mind and quickly added that I could cook. The gentleman wished me luck and rang off.

The advertisement elicited five other promising calls among the many in a variety of foreign accents that assumed I was offering rather than asking for work. One came from a local GP who wanted help with her nine-week-old baby for 25 hours a week, but who felt my request for £1.50 an hour excessive; three mothers who wanted to return to their jobs rang up but they had the same reservations about affording my services; another call came from a man with an Asian accent who grumpily told me he wanted someone to clean up his place. Finally, a brisk call came from the owner of the Chelsea house who wanted me to help her with moving home, housework and the care of her seven-year-old son for a few weeks until a full-time nanny could be found.

So there I was, with cheerful Charlie from Sidcup, the builder and decorator, to keep me company. Charlie liked to play Radio 2 for background noise and he kept up an amusing and constant conversation with it. I supplied him with cups of tea, but not before I had settled my queasiness at the sight of the morning filth by clearing the kitchen and patio, and completed the first stage of shovelling up the eliminations of the household pets.

However, I was beginning to feel that certain satisfaction that comes with creating order out of chaos and, a cup of tea later, shoved all the dirty laundry I could find into the washing machine and went on to the next job of cleaning the two bathrooms and three lavatories with a will.

He expected me to bring him food on a tray

Bed-making and cleaning the floors usually took me to one and two o'clock when I would hang out the washing and face a pile of ironing until it was time to fetch the other household pet from school. Among a gathering of fashionable Chelsea mums and a sprinkling of au pairs, I waited at the tiny local primary school for my charge. He was obviously used to having his own way over everything, for despite my admittedly mild protestations, his favourite diet on arrival home seemed to be several dishes of ice-cream and jelly if available.

If, later on, he required a meal, he would shout down from the master bedroom where he was settled watching television and expect me to bring food up the stairs on a tray, old-style servant fashion. My attempts to entertain him included two visits to the swimming baths; and a game of ball in the street which brought a threat from an elderly neighbour to fetch the police.

Parents arrived back from their money-making at around six o'clock and I was free to go home and begin my own round of cooking, cleaning and washing, enlivened by occasional writing of job applications or, more enjoyably, by friends visiting for a meal. By 11, I was ready for bed with that healthy tiredness that comes from physical effort.

One day, a rather dreamy, plump girl from the Welsh border country arrived at the Chelsea house two hours early for her interview for the job of nanny. As I ploughed through the ironing, she made me a cup of tea and told me how she had a degree in English and was looking for work while she waited to reach the age when she would be eligible for a mature student's grant and could start a course in teaching.

As all the telephones in the house were locked ("getting mean in their old age", Charlie remarked), I rang the office from the pretty Victorian pub opposite to let my employers know that nanny had arrived for her interview. After the girl had been interviewed by dad in the local, she was taken on and was to start work the following week.

I saw her briefly only once more. She turned up in the afternoon of her first day having been, she said, to the National Gallery, while I had collected her new charge from school. But, in fact, she had been successfully looking for drugs and by six o'clock in the evening was what is known as "stoned". The search for a nanny began anew.

The same week a young West Indian girl, not long out of school, was employed. She had been hoping to work with mentally handicapped children, but failing that, had found this new job through a previous employer. She was gentle and somewhat shy, so I did not fancy her chances with the wilful seven-year-old – but it did mean my own stint of housework and child-minding was over until I found other work.

As a way of life, charring can be rather solitary. But I did relish the feeling of fitness and energy it gave me: I even lost a few pounds in weight although that may have been more to do with the heatwave. The work is not, however, well remunerated.

Either way, if any reader of *The Times* thinks I have the makings of a superior *femme de ménage* and would be just the person to beautify a home, my experience has taught me to lay down certain conditions of service: no children under the age of 18 and definitely, very definitely, no animals who have not been trained to control their toilet habits. Where next? Perhaps Flood Street...

TALKBACK

The young victims

From Mrs Ann Mitchell, Department of Social Administration, University of Edinburgh

In her picture of a group of fathers denied access to their children (Friday Page, August 5) Helen Mason makes no mention of the children's feelings. As a researcher into children's own experiences of separation and divorce, I have found that many children lose touch with their non-custodial parent (whether father or mother) because *neither* parent makes an effort to help the child keep in touch.

These children are hurt: "I suppose I would like to see him to tell him how I'm getting on, but if he never phones..." Some children are afraid of upsetting their custodial parent by asking how to contact the other. Children are often more aware of their parents' feelings than their parents are of the children's.

Incidentally, nine out of ten British courts give custody to a mother because the mother asks for custody and the father does not.

Social factor

From Kim Stallwood, British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, Charing Cross Road, London WC2

John Skoyles is right to be concerned about the horrors which filled Victorian and Edwardian hospitals (Wednesday Page, August 17). But he misses the point. Our health has not improved this century because of animal experiments, but despite them.

The diseases of the nineteenth century were satisfactorily dealt with because of improved social conditions: housing, sanitation, clean water. The diseases of the twentieth century are largely degenerative because of our lifestyles and therefore self-inflicted. No one questions that two of the biggest killers – cancer and heart disease – are in the main a direct result of environmental causes: lifestyle, diet, pollutants and, accordingly, can be directly prevented by social changes.

Joanna Lumley is on holiday in Kashmir

The art of Asian vegetables

GUEST COOK

This week, and for the next three, guest cooks will be writing for this space. Madhur Jaffrey, whose television series on Indian cooking was a huge success last autumn, gives us a sneak preview of her forthcoming book. The recipes in Eastern Vegetarian Cooking *(Jonathan Cape, October 6) come from the near and Middle East as well as from the Indian sub-continent*

Madhur Jaffrey

If there is an *haute cuisine* of vegetarian foods, it exists today only in Asia. A restaurant I know in Kyoto, Japan, serves the most delicate savoury custards in tall covered cups. Imbedded inside the barely jelled gold, one may find a piece of wild mushroom or slivers of lemon rind and spinach. In Hyderabad, India, I have had tiny aubergines stuffed with a heady mixture of ground sesame seeds, tart tamarind pulp and an assortment of hot and sweet seasonings.

There is more: what about the stir-fried asparagus that I had in Hongkong, glistening with drops of the nuttiest sesame oil or the hearty breakfast pancakes from South India that are flecked with mustard seeds? And what about *cheewra*, that ancient Indian, hot-sweet-sour-salty melange of nuts, dried fruit, toasted grains and seeds?

Vegetarian food in Asia is as good as it is because communities such as the Hindus, Buddhists and Jains have been honing it and improving it for at least a thousand years. Theoretically, the emphasis among these groups has been on non-violence, piety and health. In actuality, what these vegetarians have been doing is to make their food so irresistably delicious that nobody can keep their hands off it.

That includes me. I remember a Jain friend in school who sometimes brought boiled potatoes for lunch. That might not sound too promising. But then she peeled them, crumbled them coarsely with her fingers and, as we all drooled, took out a mysterious spice mixture from a packet and proceeded to sprinkle it over the potatoes. We all shared our lunches, but on the days my Jain friend brought her potatoes she tried her best to keep our greedy hands off them.

The vegetarian treasures that can be found in Asian cuisines are such a contrast to the dull and dry dishes that clutter up many of the so-called "health food" restaurants of the West. It was this, I suppose, that prompted me to write my new book on Eastern vegetarian cooking. This book is not just for vegetarians. Here are a few recipes from the book:

Carrots with raisins and dates (Iran)
Serves four

- 5 medium-sized onions, peeled
- 55 g (2 oz) unsalted butter
- 4 tablespoons raisins
- 4 tablespoons stoned dates, cut in 7 mm (1 1/4 in) thick slivers
- 1/3 to 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar

Peel the carrots and slice, slightly diagonally, into 7 mm (1/4 in) thick ovals. Cut the onion in half lenghtwise, and then cut the halves crosswise into 7 mm (1/4 in) thick half rings.

Melt the butter in a 20 cm (8 in) frying pan over a medium-low flame. Turn the heat to medium and put in the carrots, onion, raisins and dates. Stir and fry gently for five minutes. Add the salt and sugar. Stir and fry for another four to five minutes or until the carrots are just tender and the onion is soft.

Lentil salad is made all over the Middle East. It can be stored in the refrigerator for several days and is excellent to take on picnics.

Lentil salad
Serves eight

- 450 g (1 lb) dried whole green lentils
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin seeds
- 21/2 teaspoons salt
- 4 spring onions
- 4 to 41/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 120 ml (4 fl oz) olive oil
- 30 g (1 oz) finely chopped parsley.

In a large pot (3 to 4 litres/6 to 8 pints) combine the lentils with 1 litre/2 pints of water. Add the cumin, one teaspoon of the salt and bring to the boil. Cover, simmer gently for about 50 minutes or until tender. Remove the cover and let the lentils cool a bit. Slice the spring onions in very fine rounds half way up their green sections. When lukewarm, add the remaining salt, the lemon juice, and black pepper, oil, parsley, and spring onions.

Stir and cool. Serve at room temperature or cold.

Almost any fresh vegetable may be used to make vegetable *pakoris* – flowerets of cauliflower, slices of aubergine, slices of peeled potato or sweet potato, onion rings, green beans, slices of green pepper, and even fiery hot red peppers.

Pakoris should be eaten while they are hot and crisp or else they turn soggy.

Bhajjias – vegetable pakoris
Serves four to six

For the batter
- 155 g (5 1/2 oz) gram flour*
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1/4 teaspoon ground tumeric
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon coriander
- 3/4 teaspoon whole ajwain seeds** or whole cumin seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Vegetable oil for deep frying

Vegetables
- 1 medium-sized potato, peeled and cut into 3 mm (1/8 in) thick rounds
- 1 medium-sized onion, peeled and cut into 3 mm (1/8 in) thick rounds
- 1/2 medium-sized sweet potato, peeled and cut into 3 mm (1/8in) thick rounds
- 16 cauliflower flowerets, about 5 cm (2 in) long
- 16 green beans, trimmed
- 4 hot Italian peppers (optional)

Sift the gram flour, salt and bicarbonate of soda together into a bowl. Add all the other spices for the batter. Very slowly and gradually pour in 300 ml (1/2 pint) water, beating with fork or a wooden spoon as you do so. You should have a smooth batter.

Heat the oil in a wok or other utensil for deep frying over a medium flame. The temperature of the oil should be between 180 and 190°/350 to 375°F.

Put the potato slices into the batter. Lift out a handful with your fingers and let any extra batter drip back into the bowl. Now put these slices into the hot oil, as many as the wok will hold in a single layer. Fry slowly, about 7 minutes on each side. When the outside is golden brown and crisp, remove fritters with a slotted spoon and leave to drain on a mesh rack or on kitchen paper.

Separate the onion rings, put them in the batter, and fry them the same way as the potatoes. Do all the vegetables this way, dipping them in the batter, frying them, and then draining them. The hot peppers may be left whole. Ideally, as each batch is fried it should be eaten.

**Gram flour (made from chick peas) and **ajwain seeds (which seem to combine the flavours of anise, oregano and a hint of black pepper) are sold in Indian food stores.*

THE TIMES DIARY

Up in smoke

A weekend foray to Hampshire showed that, not content with grubbing up hedges, farmers are now burning them down. Miles and miles have gone as ill-controlled straw-burning fires swept across bridle paths and by-roads, sometimes invading gardens and even threatening houses. Fire brigades have been so hard pressed that reinforcements have had to be summoned from neighbouring counties, to protect agricultural land and buildings which pay no rates. From all parts of the country I see complaints of the sun obliterated by the pall of smoke overhanging the countryside. In a national Burn Straw contest, four-fifths of the competing farmers showed ignorance of the basic National Farmers Union code, not knowing the maximum areas for fires, the required width of firebreaks or the penalties for offensive fires – though those can be up to a £1,000 fine under local by-laws, or two years' imprisonment under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Clown and gown

We may be going down laughing. Study of the evening classes brochures suggests the recession has brought us to the verge of a resurgence of clowning. A series of courses offered by the City Literary Institute includes "Clowning, Finding a Character" and "Clowning, Building an Act". It also offers a course in juggling and another in acrobatics. Clowning courses are also available at Barrow Hill School, NW8, where clowning and juggling will be taught together. Time could be short.

Blank prose

We have just received for review from Blackwell's a volume entitled *Reconstructing Literature*, edited by Professor Laurence Lerner. We only know this from the jacket, because this piece of literature is so much reconstructed that the title page is blank, and so is every page to p26. Then you reach the chapter "The Fallacy of the Abolished Author". Fallacy it may be, but they are doing their best.

Just imagine

Another publisher getting its pages in a twist is Methuen. The entire print run of Tony Coult and Baz Kershaw's *Engineers of the Imagination* is having to be recalled because it was delivered with the pages printed the wrong way round. This is a pity because the book was meant to be sold during the current London International Festival of Theatre. It explains the theatrical effects obtained by Welfare State International in their show *Raising the Titanic*.

BARRY FANTONI

'It's about time they got Who's Who illustrated'

Bitter twist

The religious book publishers, Lion Publishing, are improbably listed in the autumn export edition of *The Bookseller* as producing a children's book called *Thank You for a Drink of Mild*. The proof reader should have read St Peter: "Like new-born babes, long for the pure spiritual milk . . .".

● *A warning on a pay packet reads: "Note Carefully – If money in packet does not agree with Net Wages, at once inform the Paying Officer before breaking seal" (their emphasis). No, it was not issued by an Irish company.*

Precisely

In Mobile, Alabama, preparations are under way for a British Faire in October. The *Mobile Press Register* reports: 'The Society for Creative Anachronism will recreate live presentations. . .in an exhibit called Kings and Queens of England'. "Relationships will be made in every instance, such as Mobile's Athelstan Club", said Lee McCoy, who is in charge of promotions for the fair. "Athelstan was King of Wessex and grandson of Albert the Great who reigned in the 10th century".

When I announced a competition to design a symbol for the European Currency Unit (ECU), I did not know that someone had already done the job. John Chambers, head of the special projects section of the BBC engineering research department, devised this symbol for the ECU four years ago when compiling a complete list of characters for a teletext system to cover all European languages. His symbol appears, with "temporary" status, in documents of the European Broadcasting Union and International Radio Consultative Committee. It is not my winner though. That I shall announce tomorrow.

PHS

Don't just polish – abolish

by Ralph Harris

Aside from its success against inflation, Mrs Thatcher's government has made disappointing progress in restoring vigour to the economy. A start has been made with denationalization and trade union reform, but state spending has not been cut, local government is as big as ever and little has been done to free the labour market or to move welfare policy from universal provision to help for those in need.

I do not believe that, whatever the International Labour Organization's objections, we could not get rid of wages councils, which set minimum rates for almost three million people, mostly in retailing – 60 per cent of the adult rate at 16, against 20 per cent in Switzerland – and which gravely damage youth employment prospects.

It seems strange that a government which professes to support a market economy should not have taken positive action against impediments that raise unit labour costs (employment protection, national insurance, trade union restrictive practices); that obstruct mobility (rent control, regional development, council house subsidies) or that reduce take-home pay (high taxes on low earnings) to little, if anything, above social benefits.

In most cases, the Government has not changed its policies. It has been diverted from its objectives by legislature and bureaucratic obstruction.

Modern government is appallingly complex and has an insatiable appetite for legislation. In a single recent year, 70 new Acts of Parliament and 2,000 "statutory instruments" were spewed over 6,000 printed pages. Here is a major source of power for civil servants who can blind even the brightest ministers with almost incomprehensible legalistic jargon in which they, as narrow specialists, are always more expert.

Suppose a company had to get approval for amending its articles of association every time it wanted to change a price, alter a product, withdraw a service, borrow money or make any one of hundreds of day-to-day adjustments to its operations. Imagine the staff it would need, the delay and distraction leading to virtual paralysis.

Yet we would all agree that bureaucrats cannot be allowed the range of discretion in dispensing state resources and authority that businessmen enjoy in balancing the interests of customers and shareholders. Because there is no government equivalent to the commercial price-profit system to keep civil servants in check, we have ceaseless legislative amendment and intolerable pressure on the parliamentary timetable to permit tardy adjustment to changing circumstances or a new government's policy.

These necessary restraints are so lethal to flexibility and change that government should be confined to the barest minimum of functions which it has to finance through taxation because a free market cannot provide them. The cumbersome processes of amendment and reforms should therefore take second place to outright repeal of unnecessary, obstructive statutes.

Like the Mikado's Lord High Executioner, the non-party repeal group in the House of Lords has "a little list of society offenders that never would be missed". In addition to the job-destroying wages councils, our targets include the restrictive Shops Act, the antique Truck Acts, the paternalistic licensing laws, such monopolies as the solicitors in conveyancing and opticians in selling spectacles, to say nothing of the Rent Acts that have shrunk the housing market and still impede the mobility of labour.

We are left with the problem of reducing taxes as the golden route to reducing costs throughout the economy and sharpening incentives, especially for the lower paid to work rather than live off social benefits. To search out savings, we should examine every welfare and local government service now provided "free" and ask why most people should not choose and pay through direct fees and insurance rather than indirectly through inflated taxes and rates. The way to help the poor is not to give everyone else free services but to top up low incomes and reduce everyone's taxes.

The aim should be to halve public expenditure and reduce total taxation to the safe limit of 25 per cent of national income. A subordinate aim is to restore politics to a part-time job suitable for gentlemen and lords, that is for unpaid amateurs who have to earn their living in the real world and pay their share of (lower) taxes like the rest of us.

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Jock Bruce-Gardyne

How the devil could be proved right

Although it's academic at this season, I don't think I would go skating with Mr Len Murray. Last week the TUC general secretary's description of his first formal encounter with dreaded Norman Tebbit since the general election was that his team were "still testing the ice", which "hadn't broken yet". When I went skating I think we tested the ice in the hope that it would hold, not in the hope that it would break. But the contrast between the definition of objectives and the assessment of progress was perhaps symptomatic of the tensions within the TUC about the propriety of supping with the devil in the first place.

On the morrow of the general election I found myself raking over the embers on the BBC World Service with Mr David Basnett, the Godfather of the Labour Party. I speculated that since the trade union movement existed to promote the interests of its members and not to chase the moonbeams of political power, either its present bosses would soon swallow their pride and get down to serious talk with Mr Tebbitt, or they would be replaced by those who would. I was sharply informed that I was displaying my ignorance of the union movement. Ah well, as we all know, six weeks is a long time in politics, and two months almost an eternity.

The agenda of last week's talks was judiciously chosen. The TUC has long professed to share, in principle, the Government's enthusiasm for cashless pay, and its distaste for legalized enforcement ought to strike an answering chord. As for the other item – the rate of pay for the Youth Training Scheme – the unions have been given an effective veto, for better or worse, and if the scheme is to get off the ground some meeting of minds will be essential. The more delicate matter of future industrial relations legislation was kept under wraps.

There is, however, or at least there may be, more to this than meets the eye. Years ago George Woodcock once commented to me that the unions sometimes found it easier to deal with Tory governments than with Labour, since Labour ministers claimed to know all about the unions, whereas Tory governments did not. But in the case of Norman Tebbit they are confronted with a Tory whose personal experience of the inner workings of British trades unionism exceeds that of many modern Labour leaders.

Indeed I have always suspected that this is precisely why the Labour Party has paid him the compliment of elevating him into an incarnation of evil. They can bear a Tory from the wrong side of the tracks. They can even, at a pinch, sit down with a turncoat. But for someone who began his political career as a union activist (with Balpa, the pilots' union) to emerge on the Tory front bench is more than flesh and blood can stand. It is almost as it would be for the Tory party if a Jockey Club steward signed up with the Tribune Group.

Yet it might not be so far-fetched to speculate about the possibility of Mr Tebbit eventually building up the sort of effective working relationship with the barons of the TUC which seems to have largely eluded his Tory predecessors since the late 1950s. I realize that this sounds paradoxical to the point of absurdity. After all, most of those predecessors, up to and including Jim Prior, yearned for a concordat with the unions not so very dissimilar from that of which Labour has frequently boasted – to such very little purpose. Norman Tebbit, on the other hand, has not exactly made a secret of his view that union leaders' notions of national economic management are hardly fit for the kindergarten.

But that is just the point. Slicing up the "national dividend" over whisky at Number 10 may do wonders for union leaders' egos. But they should by now have discovered that any resulting deals do almost as much damage to their authority over the rank and file as they do to the authority of government. Norman Tebbit, I would guess, would not be remotely interested in that sort of conversation (and he would be well advised to approach any bargaining over no-strike agreements in essential services with circumspection). His main message will concern the need to restore the real and effective responsibility to the leadership to those they claim to lead.

A poisoned chalice? A piece of cheek? That, for sure, is how it will be represented by gasbags such as Messrs Scargill and Jenkins, whose voices may yet prevail next month at Blackpool. For most of those present when the unions gather – certainly most of those to be heard and seen – are liable to be more reflective of the concerns of the 13 moles of Cowley than of the millions who supposedly go to make up their card-votes.

But Norman Tebbit can afford to wait. Sooner or later the TUC chiefs will recognize that the erosion of the union's power base cannot be attributed solely to unemployment, and that the more effective democratic accountability which the Government is pressing on them, while it may curb their personal styles, could in the end prove the only way to restore their credibility.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

For Liberals read lemmings

A week that has seen Mr Roy Hattersley claim, in soliciting votes as leader of the Labour Party, that he is "the candidate of the hard truth" (no doubt, as his chances of winning slip away, he is becoming desperate, but I do not think that, however desperate, Van Gogh would have called himself the representative of the colour-blind, Brendan Behan insisted on being known as the avatar of unwavering teetotalism, or St Athanasius declared that his wish was to go down to history as the embodiment of indiscriminate fornication), is hardly a time for me to enjoin a greater sense of realism upon the Liberal Party. Still, if I don't, who will?

Opinions differ as to whether Mr Steel has been suffering from influenza, depression or prolonged contemplation of Mr Cyril Smith; whatever the cause, however, it is clear that he is feeling distinctly out of sorts. But the only surprise in that news is that he has not suddenly announced that he is a poached egg and been removed to the funny-farm by a couple of sympathetic but firm attendants in clean white overalls. Or to put it another way: if Mr Steel is not suffering from a depression so profound that it could scarcely be shifted by a couple of gallons of valerian injected straight into the *medulla oblongata*, why the devil not?

Hark. We are barely ten weeks past an election which saw the most momentous shift in political allegiances since well before the establishment of adult suffrage. As Mr Shore (who must be even more desperate than Mr Hattersley but at any rate has not declared himself the apostle of unquenchable optimism and an ever-smiling countenance) has taken to pointing out, the Labour Party in that election lost very considerably more deposits than it had lost in the previous 11 general elections put together, and even he has not thought it worth drawing the attention of his party to the fact that they have already added one more to the total, at the Penrith by-election. Opinion-poll questions about voting intentions are not of great significance several years before the next general election; still, for what it is worth, Gallup has just found that the Alliance is four points ahead of Labour. Not content with all that, Labour is steaming towards the election of Mr Kinnock as party leader, and it is now by no means impossible that they will come up with Mrs Thatcher's dream ticket by picking Mr Meacher as his deputy. Meanwhile, pocket calculators are everywhere growing red-hot in Labour hands as their users work out the chances of the "hard left" capturing a majority on the NEC at the autumn conference, an American called Billheimer has been entrusted with the job of throwing out of Bradford Labour Party those members judged guilty of lèse-Militant, and the welkin echoes with the sound of prominent Labour figures reaffirming their commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament, withdrawal from the EEC, and the nationalization of the means of production, distribution and exchange.

David Steel, combining Jo Grimond's attractiveness with the toughness of Jeremy Thorpe; and now attacked by the power-haters in his ranks.

On the morrow of the election, I pointed out – and it required no great skill in divination to do so – that the meagre number of seats gained by the Alliance should be ignored, and attention concentrated instead on the almost incredible number of votes which they had attracted and which showed to the least discerning eye that the shape of British politics had changed fundamentally. And it is at this precise moment, with the Opposition terminally diseased and the Alliance, if its leaders and members can only keep their heads, perfectly placed to overhaul Labour at the next election and to win the one after, that the Liberals have apparently decided to embrace euthanasia.

Criticism of Mr Steel and his leadership is widespread; some of his members are demanding that he should not be allowed the final control over the contents of the party manifesto that he at present enjoys; others are insisting that the thrust of the party's policy is entirely misplaced, and that they should go to the country next time on a programme of repairing cracked paving-stones in shopping-precincts and saving the whale; others again think that the whole idea of the Alliance was a mistake and that if it had not been for their SDP allies the Liberals would have won the election outright; I am quite sure that the members of the constituency party in Liverpool who insisted on putting up a Liberal against the Alliance's official SDP candidate and thus gave the seat to a member of the Militant Tendency still feel proud of themselves and would do it again if they had the chance. And did I mention that when Mr Steel hinted that he would resign if his manifesto veto was removed, Mr Smith cheerfully declared that any more such hints would result in the party accepting the proffered resignation? No wonder Dr Owen is resisting the idea of a full merger of the two parties; who wants to be a Siamese twin with a brother who insists on drowning himself?

What is it about parties and politicians of the left, particularly the moderate left, that seems to make most of them instinctively reluctant to seek power, so that however passionately they state their intentions of winning, their actions, again and again, betray them to defeat? The only thing that was absolutely certain about Mr Foot's leadership of the Labour Party, and for that matter Mr McGovern's selection as Presidential candidate by the Democratic Party, is that they would end in electoral defeat. Their parties must have known that, yet they chose, open-eyed, men with the stamp of inevitable failure upon them. Why?

There is, as a matter of fact, an answer to that question; deep in the psyche of the left there is a belief, in itself by no means ignoble, that power is corrupting, and that the left was put on earth to resist corruption and to purify. In office, they must rub against the inevitable contamination of reality, where bills have to be paid and Christmas comes but once a year; in opposition, they can dream of a world in which water – or rather milk and honey – flows uphill and the sun never ceases to shine.

Which is all very well, but as Mr Healey asked a Labour Conference long ago, before he decided to become just another Hattersley with a ruddier complexion, whose half loaf are you giving away? In the case of Labour, the half loaf of all those who fear modern Conservatism and believe only Labour can give them protection against it; but Labour is finished, however unconscionable a time it takes a-dying. Is this the moment for the Liberals to start pricing coffins?

Mr Grimond could never teach the Liberal Party the time of day; his was far too gentle a character. Mr Thorpe was made of sterner stuff, but the hour had not struck. In Mr Steel the party has a leader who combines the attractiveness of the former with the toughness of the latter (look at the consummate ease with which he diddled the SDP out of anything remotely resembling a fair share of winnable seats), but because he knows what politics is about and how success in it can be achieved, he is now under attack from the power-haters in his ranks, who are half in love with easeful death and still convinced that if only they explain to the nation frequently enough how site value taxation works the nation will troop into the polling-booths and vote for it. (Will all those Liberal correspondents who wish to explain it to *me* kindly put SVT in the top left-hand corner of the envelope so that my secretary can throw their letters away unopened?)

"Be friends, you English fools, be friends: we have French quarrels enow, if you could tell how to reckon". Though the Alliance, to succeed, must replace Labour, it is the Tories they will be fighting when they have done so. Mrs Thatcher, having seen Labour quaff the hemlock and not even make a face, is now standing by as the Liberals apparently prepare to swallow what is left in the cup. Surely it wasn't a damaged retina for which she needed surgery; it was a simple inability to believe her eyes.

Paul Pickering

Now the East is heading North

As the Year of the Pig reaches the midway point, Britain's Chinese population are already limbering up their dragon dancers to usher in the perhaps poignantly named Year of the Rat. For more and more businessmen are leaving what they see as the sinking ship of their native Hongkong which is resigning itself to eventual communist rule. Many are heading for, of all places, Manchester.

Determined that their businesses are not going to benefit the Peking government, they are pouring money into the George Street area of the city. Plans to turn Manchester into a freeport, just like Honkers, would help complete the process of Enter t'Dragon in deepest Lancashire.

Before long the new colonials could start to explore Bolton, Bootle and even Wigan. Annie Walker's Rovers Return will be brimming with happy orientals hurling the odd hatchet into the dartboard, electing Albert Tatlock as Tai Pan and demanding fish and maw and jellied duck feet from an astonished Bet Lynch the barmaid.

"We even now have Chinese-owned farms in Cheshire cultivating special Cantonese vegetables for our restaurants," said the chairman of Manchester's Chinese Education, Culture and Community Centre, Loret Lee. "They grow winter melons and mustard greens. Last new year we borrowed a giant inflatable pig from Pink Floyd to celebrate; you should have seen it. I don't know what we will do this coming year."

An immense airborne rat may not have the same happy effect as it soars high above Balloon Street: "We have the longest dragon in England," adds the unstoppable Mr Lee. "It was the longest in the world at 185ft until Chinatown in Perth decided to add a foot to theirs for Prince Charles. We also have our own dance troupe, not like Gerrard Street in Soho.

"We are working hard to get the proposed Chinese consulate for Manchester. We have not been affected by the recession like Liverpool. We want a direct flight from Manchester to Hongkong, and there is talk of a freeport. Because of the uncertainty in Hongkong people are buying buildings here."

Hongkong itself could be the ultimate Chinese take-away, spirited around the world to Manchester. "Lots of businesses have started up and there is money coming in," said Douglas Rogerson of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. "We now have a Chinese branch in Manchester with Cantonese-speaking staff and opening on Sundays."

A cheerful Arthur Wong of the city's Hongkong Government Office said: "I have heard about the freeport but nothing is officially confirmed yet. But investment is flowing in. One man recently bought a whole block and intends to turn it into restaurants and laundries."

It seems there is nothing to stand in the way of the city's bright, Chinese-spiced future, especially if it achieves freeport status. Unfortunately not all of Hongkong's exports are happy ones. Many cities with a large Chinese community have problems with drug smuggling, prostitution and the Triad gangs, who send black-clad assassins to hack opponents to pieces.

A crispy duck vendor I know in Gerrard Street tells me the way to spot a Triad member is by the insouciant manner he tips the tea leaves from his cup into the saucer,

Hongkong today, Bolton tomorrow?

something that will get the right man 10 per cent knocked off the bill. The wrong move can be fatal.

At a recent Soho christening a king prawn that went down too quickly and was brought back was interpreted as an insult from the Pekings Boys Triad to the rival K 14 Hongkong Boys Triad. One man was stabbed to death, another badly wounded and the Loon Fung restaurant was wrecked.

Mr Rogerson said: "The big differnce between our community and London is that this one is straight. That is why the Chinese move here. But Amsterdam police have said many times that so many Triads went there because it had an affluent and peaceful Chinese community."

Mr Lee commented: "We do have conflicts, but we don't have the same kind of difficulties as Gerrard Street." Mr Rogerson is confident that undesirable elements will be kept out of the thriving community.

"Pigs might fly," said my more cynical Soho friend. But then one already has, a large pink one, high above Manchester.

The heat is on, but the Sun King stays free

Mexico City

Many people are convinced that when he completed his six years in office last December former Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo had become one of the world's 10 richest men.

Whether this is true or not, the fact is that most Mexicans believe it, an index of the way official corruption is viewed in a country where, according to the figures, the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party has won at least three out of every four votes cast in the last half century of general elections.

"They are all thieves from the president down", is a commonplace heard up and down the country from Mexicans of every social class.

Very conscious of the disrepute in which the government of his predecessor was held, the current President, Miguel de la Madrid, came to power on December 1 last year pledging vociferously to set about "the moral renovation" of Mexico.

But Mexicans had heard all this before. Senor Lopez Portillo had made the same promises when he rose to the presidency in 1976.

"We will hold off on the bribes for a couple of months, then it will be back to business as usual", was the word among officers of Mexico City's notoriously corrupt police force at the end of last year. Few Mexicans doubted this would prove to be the case for corruption generally in their country.

But now, nine months into President de la Madrid's government, that scepticism has turned out to be a little unjustified. Yes, policemen do continue with their time-honoured extortion of money from offenders: at the end of every month the government still provides journalists loyal to its political line with cash-crammed envelopes: and senior officials persist in indulging in lavish dinners at a time when the bulk of the population have been entreated to tighten their belts for the good of their country's economy.

Nevertheless, there have as yet been no major allegations of corruption among officials in the present administration and, more to the point, President de la Madrid has been meting out harsh retribution to members of Señor Lopez Portillo's government.

Most spectacularly, the popular press having bayed long for his blood, a childhood friend of Señor Lopez Portillo's was recently jailed for an alleged multi-million dollar fraud.

Described by Portillo as "an exemplary Mexican", the former head of Mexico's nationalized oil company, Señor Jorge Diaz Serrano, was locked up in a Mexico City jail on July 30 pending trial for the alleged filching of US$34m (about £22m) on the purchase of two oil tankers.

The 62-year-old Diaz Serrano lives in a red-carpeted cell, has a television set, and has his food delivered every day by a man who arrives at the gates of his prison in a luxurious grey limousine.

The Mexican Attorney General recently revealed that Señor Diaz Serrano owns at least 15 homes – one with a private runway – in Mexico, the United States and France. Nevertheless, Diaz Serrano insists that he is innocent. In a recent newspaper article written from prison, he said that never had he been able to sympathize so fully with the characters in Kafka's novels.

If President de la Madrid is serious about "moral renovation", it is being whispered, why does he stop there, why doesn't he bring former President Lopez Portillo to justice too? And not just Lopez Portillo but other of his colleagues in what is generally considered to have been an immensely nepotistic administration.

Lopez Portillo recently left Mexico for one of the many houses he is said to own in Spain in a private jet owned by his close friend, and mayor of Mexico City under his government, Señor Hank Gonzalez. Señor Gonzalez is known to have a huge multi-million dollar mansion, among a host of other properties, in the United States.

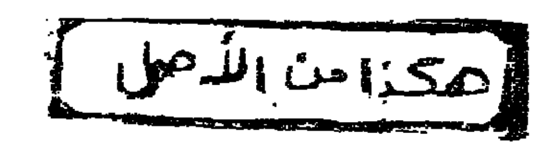
Another old friend of Lopez Portillo's is Mexico City's former police chief, Colonel Arturo Durazo. Between 1976 and 1982, earning a salary of $2,300 a month, Colonel Durazo managed to accumulate enough money to purchase a $14m holiday home on Mexico's Pacific coast – known among local inhabitants as "The Parthenon" – and a palatial residence on the outskirts of the Mexican capital, valued at considerably more.

"The jailing of Diaz Serrano provides grounds for asking Lopez Portillo to appear before the law in connexion with US$100m unaccounted for", wrote Señor Herberto Castillo a columnist in the political magazine, *Proceso*.

But in a country where the president has as much power, in the words of an American ambassador in the 1970s, as a latter-day Louis XIV, most students of the political scene agree that, however zealous President de la Madrid may try to be in his "moral renovation" crusade, he will spare the man in whose cabinet he served from 1979 to 1982.

Academics who have written on the subject believe that the institution of the presidency is so venerated in Mexico that any punishment dealt out to former President Lopez Portillo would rebound on Señor de la Madrid himself, inevitably undermining his own presidential status.

John Carlin



TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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LOOK WHO'S TALKING

One of the ambitions of the incoming Conservative Government in 1979 was to cut the trade unions down to size. Progress has been made. The first, the easy, part was to expel TUC heavyweights from the antechambers of Downing Street. They had become well dug in there through the informal practices of previous Conservative Governments and a succession of "social contracts" promoted by Labour Governments. The objection to the arrangement was two-fold. It gave excessive influence in matters of general policy to figures of dubious representative status; and this influence was given in return for undertakings or understandings on which the principals were not fully capable of delivering. The custom has passed away beyond, it is to be hoped, recall.

The other part of the process was to fend off disruptive trade union militancy on the shop floor. This was to be done by legislative reform, a developing series of measures pressing against the frontiers of trade union immunities and promoting internal trade union reform. However, the ally and principal agent in the reimposition of shop floor discipline, whether covenanted or uncovenanted, has turned out to be the weakness of the labour market, one in seven out of work. The effect has been noticeable and in terms of working practices beneficial. To the extent however that it is a product of mass unemployment it is precarious and cannot, obviously, be welcomed without reservation.

Even when cut down, however, the size of the trade union interest remains pretty big. Like other major interests in society it needs good and open channels of communication with the organs of government and vice versa. It is not right that in their relations with government trade union spokesmen should be systematically snubbed or that they should sulk. Now that the election is out of the way there are signs that both sides wish to get back to a more constructive posture.

When Mr Tebbit met Mr Murray and his colleagues last week to discuss certain strictly practical questions about the Youth Training Scheme and the repeal of the Truck Acts, he pronounced them to be more realistic and they him to be more flexible. Out of such civilities are rapprochements made. If the way can be cleared at next month's Trade Union Congress the trade union leadership should soon be in direct communication with ministers again over the full range of relevant matters including the next round of trade union legislation. One way Mr Tebbit and his colleagues could usefully facilitate the process is to counter any suggestion of vindictiveness in tinkering with trade union contributions to Labour party funds by showing an equal and opposite concern about the methods employed for corporate contributions to Conservative party funds.

It is not a question of reviving a shadow council of state where trade unions dignitaries may sound off on anything from relations with Chile to the contents of a wealth tax. It is a question of reviving functional consultation on a range of matters concerning which the trade unions are knowledgeable and their cooperation is desirable. An unwritten agenda would include, apart from the Tebbit legislation and the Youth Training Scheme, apprenticeships, the identification of employment-expansive sectors of the economy, and the insulation of essential services from industrial disputes.

Unruffled harmony in managing affairs of state is not to be expected; but neither is unnecessary discord to be welcomed. Democratic and open government works by promoting the dialogue of competing interests and paying attention to the hubbub. A concerted approach is called for where possible, particularly at this juncture.

Society stands poised to receive the full impact of micro-electronic technology, which does not merely yield new products for new uses but will transform existing processes throughout industry and commerce and in every department of life. The social and institutional changes that this will entail are profound, and the technological revolution will take its character for good or ill from the capacity of society to respond and adjust not least at the workplace. How silly to enter with government and unions not on speaking terms.

GDANSK THREE YEARS ON

The efforts of the banned trade union Solidarity to mark the third anniversary of the Gdansk accords and to protest at the government's refusal to consider discussions with Lech Walesa may not in themselves prove sufficient to compel the regime to effect a conciliation with the Polish people. Yet to preserve morale it is important to persevere, and underground Solidarity leaders, determined to continue their non-violent struggle, have recommended such undramatic measures as the go-slow which began yesterday in the Baltic shipyards.

It is questionable what impact the go-slow can have when the sluggish Polish economy has been in bottom gear since the imposition of martial law in December 1981. Workers on piece rates trying to feed their families at a time of food shortages and sharp price rises will not all be prepared deliberately to reduce their income still further.

Yet this moderate approach, far from being a sign of weakness, serves to confirm the moral superiority of Solidarity over the authorities. This moral strength ensures that the Poles' determination to achieve their rights will survive General Jaruzelski as it survived his predecessors. The ruling Polish United Workers' Party has always found scapegoats on which to blame the shortcomings of the system – consigning former leaders to shameful obscurity – but continues to lose thousands of members every month. The public denigration of Lech Walesa, on the other hand, merely proves that the regime's earlier claim that he was a "has-been" is as unfounded as its present allegations that he is a millionaire trade-union tycoon.

General Jaruzelski would have us believe that he is marching Poland forward to "normalization" but it seems that most Poles are out of step. The Polish Writers' Union has now been dissolved; the authorities says it was "the spokesman of the anti-state opposition". A new union is to be formed excluding the awkward writers who persist in describing life as they see it, rather than as government officials say it ought to be.

Moscow looks with a jaundiced eye at developments in Poland since martial law was officially ended, but has produced no constructive suggestions for dealing with the situation. Speaking on Soviet television on Saturday, Leonid Zamyatin, head of the Central Committee's International Information Department, claimed that the underground Solidarity leaders were seeking to penetrate and subvert the Polish government – scarcely a vote of confidence in General Jaruzelski.

Coming from a former head of the official news agency TASS with considerable experience in the formulation of Soviet foreign policy, Mr Zamyatin's television comments have more than usual significance. He did not see the Pope's visit as a success for the regime, but claimed that the situation had since become more difficult because "certain aggressive circles in the Polish church" had become more active. While the "sober-minded" clergy were prepared to cooperate with the government, others made "virulent anti-socialist sermons" and promoted conflict with the authorities.

The Soviet leadership would be delighted if the Polish church could be further divided over its attitude to Solidarity and the regime. Under Cardinal Glemp the church has given less firm guidance than under Wyszynski, and the Primate has been criticized on occasion by both laymen and clergy for failing to take a stronger stand in support of Solidarity. Clearly the church cannot deliberately encourage conflict with the regime, but nor can it side with an atheist government against the just aspirations of the Polish people as Mr Zamyatin might wish.

Bishop Tokarczuk has demanded a return to "truth, justice, freedom and peace" as the only way to encourage Poles to work harder. These are certainly the aims of Solidarity but General Jaruzelski has not persuaded the population that he shares them. Nor has he succeeded in winning over the West. A small part of Poland's foreign debt was rescheduled this month by Western bankers, but since half of the $26,000 million owed depends on Western governments, General Jaruzelski finds himself as before caught between an intransigent overlord in Moscow and Western pressures to be more flexible in responding to the demands of the Polish people. Since they will not change their ideas, he must seek to win changes in Moscow.

PAKISTAN'S PATCHWORK OPPOSITION

Ever since the country was prised from British-ruled India, Pakistan has been hampered by internal quarrels. Two of the issues are basic to the national consensus that is required if the state is to prosper. First is the need for a functioning democracy instead of the disciplines of military rule, however much, in Asian conditions, that may be a temporary necessity. The other is the demand for greater autonomy among the country's component parts. Cutting across these, and perhaps no less divisive for all the piety with which it is urged, is the share to be given to Islamic traditions in the process of government. Since he took power in 1977 General Zia has constantly postponed a promised return to democracy, has played down as best he could the rivalry between the constituent provinces, and has introduced for the first time his own interpretation of Islamic tradition.

Now the quarrels are erupting again with protests against martial law, sometimes in peaceful civil disobedience but frequently turning to sabotage and rioting. The Army has moved in, fire has been exchanged, more than a score of deaths are reported and opposition leaders thought likely to join in the protests have been summarily detained. All this has been inspired by the "Save Pakistan" movement, a rebirth of the now banned Movement for the Restoration of Democracy which gathered eight parties under its wing. Apart from some incidents reported from Quetta and Lahore, all the troubles are concentrated in Sind. Is this because it was the late Mr Bhutto's territory and protest was more easily organised by a movement of which his widow and daughter have been the most active since Mr Bhutto was sentenced to death; or is it a protest by Sindhis against Punjabi dominance?

If one follows the graph of mass protest in so far as it can be charted over the last six years, it does represent a genuine demand for political freedom, even allowing for the personal charisma that Mr Bhutto cultivated during his years in power. After all, Pakistan is as much as neighbouring India influenced by the legacy of British rule. To suffer one after the other a succession of generals dispensing martial law has been crushing to the dignity at least of the urban, professional classes of the country. Yet lines on a graph recording political agitation do not invariably move upwards. Apathy, disappointment, diversion from political interest, can all diminish as well as increase the vigour of protest.

To some extent the Russian move into Afghanistan in December, 1979, changed the scenery of Pakistan's politics. An onerous and unrewarding refugee problem on the frontier presented a problem that General Zia has handled with prudence. In cooperation with the UN he has taken a balanced view of the need and the possibilities of a solution for Afghanistan. This has increased his stature, though also his feeling that he cannot relinquish his power. He has also been concerned with Pakistan's regional status, first by improving relations with India and lately by sharing in the plans for forming in South Asia a grouping akin to that of Asean in South-East Asia. These moves bore fruit earlier this month in a meeting of foreign ministers of the seven nations involved.

Despite such progress that will be directly beneficial to Pakistan's stability, internal discontent may now be growing again. In dealing with such dissidence General Zia has hitherto been more tolerant than Mr Bhutto ever was. But the cry for democracy is not going to be stilled. It is now resurfacing from discontent at General Zia's timetable for change with no elections until March 1985.

Yet if one looks at the country's political scene, laced with small parties adhering to Islamic principles, or the more secular following attached to Mr Bhutto's legacy (somewhat marred by Mr Bhutto's own record of party management which was far from democratic), it is hard to see the shape of the minimal unity such as democracy requires for its proper working, or such as can exact change from General Zia. At the moment Pakistan promises no resolution of its conflicts, either the provincial discontent or the quite valid insistence on democracy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

German role in forward defence

From the Defence Attaché of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Sir, Your leader of August 17 expresses a view on forward defence and the German defence contribution which I cannot share.

Forward defence is an essential element of Nato's time-tested strategy. The presence of German and Allied armed forces on the territory of the Federal Republic close to the frontier with the Warsaw Pact enhances the effect of deterrence. The Soviet Union and the other Warsaw Pact countries have to know that from the very first moment of aggression they would have to face not only the Bundeswehr but also other Allied forces. The same applies at sea.

Forward defence demonstrates the solidarity of the Alliance and serves the vital security interests of all Nato members. I believe this is why all British Governments, quite apart from obligations under the WEU treaty, have maintained BAOR and RAF Germany, which are indeed a most valuable and indispensable part of our common defence. This is also true of the other Allied troops stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany.

You rightly point out that the security of the United Kingdom ultimately depends on the strength of Nato's central front. Withdrawing BAOR from forward defence would decisively weaken this cornerstone of common security.

Incidentally, we are not "wasting resources acquiring an Atlantic capability". If you wish us to concentrate on the defence of the Baltic and North Sea, then this necessarily includes also the adjacent waters as the Nato maritime agreements foresee it.

As far as the German contribution to Western defence is concerned the Federal Republic of Germany is taking its full share. It makes available to Nato well trained and well equipped armed forces of 495,000 servicemen and 700,000 reservists.

In central Europe the Bundeswehr provides 50 per cent of all Nato ground forces and 50 per cent of all ground based air defence. It also supplies 30 per cent of the combat aircraft. In the Baltic 70 per cent of the naval forces and 100 per cent of the naval air forces are German.

This contribution is generally recognized in the Alliance. I therefore think it inappropriate to consider the Federal Republic of Germany as a junior partner in the Alliance.

Yours faithfully,
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The Soviet challenge

From Mr J. C. Greig

Sir, As a constituent and supporter of Matthew Parris I was rather puzzled by his letter of August 20. If he is saying that the effect on the victim would be the same whether he was shot by a British bullet in 1883 or a Soviet bullet in 1983 he is right, but if he is saying that he cannot distinguish between the motives of the British in 1883 and the Soviets in 1983 then he has missed the point of your leading article.

Almost without exception the old British Empire countries are proud of their British connection and maintain voluntary links with their erstwhile rulers. I am afraid that none of us will live long enough to see if the same situation applies to ex-Soviet controlled countries – if there will ever be such a thing.

Yours faithfully,
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Over Haddon,
Bakewell, Derbyshire.

Body and mind

From Dr J. W. Paulley

Sir, The Headmaster of Giggleswick School (August 12) is right to be critical of the selection procedure to medical schools which favours convergent thinkers as opposed to divergent. Medicine needs both. Its failure to recognise this over recent years has led indirectly to current disillusion and recourse to "alternative medicine".

I agree with Professor Campbell (August 12) that the dangers of this retreat from orthodoxy are great, both in terms of missed diagnoses, mismanagement, and unscrupulous financial exploitation. Nevertheless, the National Health Service and scientific medicine are also costly, and the public is becoming increasingly restive because doctors have been educated to rely excessively on investigations and machines for diagnosis and drugs for treatment.

Both are used by the doctor, albeit unconsciously, as barriers between himself and his patient and get in the way of listening at two levels – ie, what the patient is actually saying and what he is not communicating openly, but has every right to expect a competent doctor to pick up.

Medicine has only itself to blame for the present situation because of its refusal to acknowledge the place of psychosomatic medicine in the training of doctors. The best research in this field over fifty years has been equal in scientific rigour to the best in the organic field, but with the advantage that it is often more relevant to the immediate relief of major and minor scourges afflicting humanity. Most medical scientists' reading is so narrow that they are unaware of this.

It is also naive to think, as Professor Campbell seems to do, that a few psychiatrists on the staff of a medical school are a solution to the problem, for few of these in this country are adequately trained in the special skills required in the management of psychosomatic disorders.

Yours faithfully,
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Belton House sale

From Mr Stephen Jones

Sir, Mr Hoos's concern (August 18) for his family's house, Belton, is admirable on both a personal and a public level. The resolution of the dilemma facing Lord Brownlow is obviously a family matter, but one that, through your column, raises again issues that need reemphasing.

Those of us who work in the art world know that the tragic threat to a great house, complete with its collections, as Belton is, is a constantly recurring danger. Mr Hoos mentions the National Trust, a body that must surely now be more beset with urgent cases than ever before. Many great houses are in danger of sale, their collections in danger of dispersal.

As has been written before in your columns, the loss when an historic collection is sold up is far greater than the sum of the individual works that vanish from their original place. A house and its collections are complete as a whole.

These increasing dangers can largely be traced to the continuing refusal of governments to consider again the problems of death duties, VAT and other financial blights, created, it sometimes seems, almost with the destruction of great collections in mind. Mr Hoos says that the nation deserves Belton; that the people of Britain deserve it is true. But the Government, as indeed their predecessors, do not.

If the Prime Minister's pride in the loan of the Cust silver is as great as the family's pride in that loan, then she should apply herself directly to considering how her Government can immediately stem the rising tide of country house sales, the repeated crises that beset the museum world whenever a major work appears in the auction rooms to fund a new roof or other essential repairs to the structure of a great house.

They order these things better in America, where the private enterprise so greatly approved by Mrs Thatcher finds real incentives to support the arts, in terms of tax concessions and other intelligent legislative structures. If Belton is sold, its collections broken up, it will be no one's fault except that of successive blind or indifferent governments.

If Belton is sold it will indeed be the opinion of many that the Prime Minister has been no true friend to the Brownlows.

Yours faithfully,
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Chatsworth drawings

From Professor Michael Kitson

Sir, You report (August 17) that the Duke of Devonshire's family trust is negotiating to sell 74 Old Master drawings from Chatsworth direct to the British Museum to prevent them going abroad. Both the Duke and the Museum are to be congratulated. If money has to be raised to preserve the fabric of Chatsworth and no other assets are available, this is surely the most praiseworthy means of going about it. If only more owners of historic houses and collections were as public spirited.

Yours faithfully,
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Soviet chess tactics

From the President of the Fédération Internationale des Echecs

Sir, May I refer to the report of your Moscow Correspondent (August 10) on Gary Kasparov's loss of his candidates' semifinal match against Victor Korchnoi by default? The report quoted a statement of the USSR Chess Federation that I "had acted unlawfully" and since the USSR Chess Federation has alleged this in a vicious worldwide campaign in the past two months, using the facilities of Soviet embassies and the formidable Soviet propaganda apparatus, may I beg the courtesy of your columns to inform your readers of the facts?

I had awarded on June 1 the organization of the Kasparov-Korchnoi candidates' semifinal match to the United States Chess Federation and that of the Ribli-Smyslov match to the United Arab Emirates Chess Association. The Americans had offered, for the match to be held in Pasadena, California, much better terms than had ever been obtained for a candidates' semifinal match, and the UAE had made the only offer conforming with Fide (Fédération Internationale des Echecs) regulations to organize the Ribli-Smyslov match in Abu Dhabi. The USSR Chess Federation objected, however, claiming that I had "violated regulations" in making the decisions.

In an attempt to avert a double forfeit by the Soviet players a meeting of Fide Executive Council was convened in late July. After a two-day meeting in Madrid the council ruled by a majority of eight votes two that Fide regulations empowered Fide President to decide the venues of Pasadena and Abu Dhabi. The USSR Chess Federation, however, has turned its back on this ruling and continues to allege that I broke Fide regulations, trusting, no doubt, that the lie will gain credence by repetition.

That the executive council members who affirmed the validity of my presidential decisions included members from the very active federations of Yugoslavia, Canada, Spain, the Federal Rupublic of Germany, the United States and Malaysia and included among them the deputy presidents for Europe and for Asia impressed the Soviet Chess Federation not a whit.

Ignoring the wide and expert representation obtaining in the executive council, the USSR Chess Federation had made grandiose claims of universal support for their protest and has asked Fide Congress in October to reverse my decisions.

Granting that my decisions were correct by rule and by reason, it still has to be appreciated that the voting will not be purely on chess considerations. Since Fide practice is usually to take oral votes, there will be much heart-searching on the part of delagates voting under the eye of Big Brother.

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Dilemmas facing the planners

From Professor Gordon E. Cherry

Sir, Mr Michael Cross (August 17) in commenting on your leader of August 8, calls for policy analysis to identify new options in strategic land planning. This may sound attractive, but the dilemmas facing contemporary planning are such as to pose considerable difficulties on the exercise.

We have had periods in the past when coherent plans of economic and social purpose, reflected in "broad brush" master plans, carried a consensus of professional, political and community support. Abercrombie's plans for London, Clydeside and the West Midlands in the 1940s, and regional strategies based on corridors of growth, as in the South-east in the 1960s, were cases in point.

But we have no certainties about preferred directions of development today. Hence we provide for the best (or worst?) of all worlds in both subsidizing inner-city renewal and encouraging dispersal where viable. Meanwhile we continue to permit suburban expansion through further green belt incursions. As for regional policies, they scarcely exist.

It is not easy to say whether we are making a mess of things or not. A consistently applied land planning strategy, with clear statements as to what development is to be permitted, where, and when, may be impressive to a tidy mind. But in today's circumstances it will be necessary to be more pragmatic, ducking and weaving through the consequences of profound social, economic and technological change.

It is futile to pretend to be able to impose a spatial pattern on cities, which are inherently complex and dynamic, when we have neither the sophistication of understanding them, nor the operational ability, nor the political will to continue the exercise for very long.

A judicious blend of market forces and a light, selective hand on the tiller of state direction is likely to prove the best way forward.

This does mean, however, that we are open to the charge of planning without purpose. We have a battery of regulatory controls, but in the absence of any scientific right or wrong in forms of land planning, we are buffeted by sectional interests and conflicting public opinion in participation exercises. This only encourages the anti-planners to deride our present planning system and seek to emasculate it.

The real dilemma is that at a time of understandable professional uncertainty, there is political unsureness too. While the market economists and the centralists both have their polarized views about land planning and the role of the state, those occupying the ideological middle ground have still to work out a speedy, decisive, yet fair planning system which harmonizes and coordinates the interests of the private and public sectors.

At the moment we have two sectors that glare at each other. Instead, without seeking to depoliticize the system (because one can't), we need real dialogue and concerted action – the best context for the new approach to land planning you are calling for.

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CDC in Philippines

From Mr Tom Clarke, MP for Monklands West (Labour)

Sir, Several times since I was elected to Parliament in June of last year I have tried to focus the Government's attention on human rights in the Philippines.

Indeed, in my adjournment debate in January, Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development (in his first speech in that role) was given an excellent opportunity to defend ordinary standards of human decency: instead, he displayed appalling complacency.

Even after the unhealthy events of last weekend, the Government continues with its involvement in the oil palm project in Mindanao, in spite of clear evidence of the presence of the notorious Lost Command.

Those of us who have a high regard for the Commonwealth Development Corporation which sponsored this project are concerned about the CDC's reputation. We are even more concerned that British taxpayers' money should not assist in propping up a regime which is obviously as repugnant and as suspect as that of President Marcos.

I would appeal, even now, to Mr Raison to think again. Failure to act on the Philippines will lead to accusations – and rightly so – of the same double standards which persuaded the Government to supply arms to the Argentinians.

Yours etc,
TOM CLARKE,
12 Lugar Street,
Coatbridge,
Lanarkshire.
August 23.

Cold front

From Mr D. P. S. Graham

Sir, In common with *The Times* and a few other "responsible" newspapers, Independent Television shows charts of weather expected each day in every area of our small islands. When the BBC's excellent symbols for predicted sunshine, rain, temperature and pollen counts are suspended over the same regions the Rupublic of Ireland is always left blank. Why?

Reith's hopeful but fatuously unrealistic motto, "Nation shall speak peace unto nation", remains on a wall of Broadcasting House, its irony unnoticed. Ever since our planet was cocooned in micro-waves nations have used them to speak enmity, hate and discord to nations.

The BBC remains the universally acknowledged leader of the world's Stentors because of the truth and objectivity of its news reports. Who decreed that its weather forecasts should show political discrimination? Why is the policy maintained while British and Irish governments continue to try – with so little success – to improve climates of opinion affecting the Ulster Border so long and tragically disputed?

Yours very truly,
PATRICK GRAHAM,
66 Belsize Park Gardens,
Hampstead, NW3.

Sighting the mole

From Mr Ray Edwards

Sir, With its history of problems associated with the activities of the politically motivated, British Leyland was bound to be extremely sensitive to any development that took their industrial relations back to the pre-Edwardes era.

However, whether British Leyland has overreacted in the particular instance of the Cowley "moles" can best be judged by the attitude of their workforce who appear to accept the management's actions.

All of us from both parts of industry seek to promote the fullest political freedom. We must counter this, however, with utmost vigilance to ensure that minorities of whatever persuasion do not subvert our industrial institutions.

Over many years as a leading national negotiator for BL staff I witnessed the difficulties of the management and union officials as they regained control of the chaotic industrial relations in the company.

I rather doubt if anyone in BL – employees, unions, or management – regret the departure of the "moles".

Yours sincerely,
RAY EDWARDS,
Head of Industrial Relations,
The Industrial Society,
Peter Runge House,
3 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.
August 19.

Saving youth hostels

From Mr James W. Godfrey

Sir, I endorse Councillor Preddy's letter (August 19) regarding the survival of youth hostels. As a keen senior life member I am extremely concerned about their future for, like all things, recession and rising costs have hit the YHA badly.

One aspect that might assist is the dropping of the VAT charge on a great number of hostels. Another aspect might be financial assistance from the local authority in whose domain the ailing hostel is situated. This has sometimes happened in times past. My experience is that people generally do not like to see a hostel closure in their locality. It brings life to the scene.

There was a time when the more prosperous hostels could subsidize the poorer hostels. This is no longer the case. All are struggling. And we should also remember that youth hostels are an intricate part of tourism in the country, deserving our fullest support.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES W. GODFREY,
3 Fairview Cottages,
Virginia Water,
Surrey.
August 19.

Missing the point

From Mr G. A. K. Robinson

Sir, I was away on holiday in Wales when Mr Yorke wrote whatever he did re the absence of punctuation on signs and I am sorry I missed his letter (August 9). Literacy, particularly public literacy, is a subject dear to my heart.

Whilst away I encountered, as I have done occasionally before, that irritating sign "Road liable to flooding". Surely this, Sir, is an example of public illiteracy? "Road liable to be flood"; "Road prone to flooding", would all be acceptable, – why then does the Department of Transport (or whoever) choose to offend us with the incorrect one?

I need hardly add that there was no water visible anywhere and "Road liable to melting" would have been more appropriate.

Yours faithfully,
G. A. K. ROBINSON,
Perelandra,
18 Royal Park,
Clifton, Bristol.

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Duke of Edinburgh is to be the first patron of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors.

The Prince of Wales, president, the Royal Jubilee Trusts, will preside at a meeting of the administrative council at 8 Buckingham Street, WC2, on November 29.

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend receptions for young people who have reached the gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at St James's Palace on November 30.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give an evening reception for members of the Diplomatic Corps on December 1. The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend receptions for young people who have reached the gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at St James's Palace on December 2.

Princess Alexandra will visit Royal Air Force Binbrook, Lincolnshire on September 29.

A memorial and thanksgiving service for the life of Chris Colebrook will be held at the Church of St Bride, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, August 30 at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. W. Partridge and Miss E. F. Blackmore
The engagement is announced between Bill, only son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Partridge, of Hastings, Sussex, and Kate elder daughter of Mr Courtenay and Lady Pamela Blackmore, of Blackheath, London.

Mr M. H. Cave and Miss D. L. Bedford
The engagement is announced between Michael Hugh Cave, of Upper Ashe, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, and Diana Louise Bedford, widow of M. A. (Tony) Bedford, of Old Barkfold, Plaistow, West Sussex.

Mr A. T. Leisk and Miss E. S. Staples
The engagement is announced between Alexander Thomas, son of Mr John Leisk, OBE, and Mrs Leisk, of Laxey, Isle of Man, and Elizabeth Siân, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. E. Staples, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr D. Meikle and Miss A. H. Vigers
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of the late Dr R. W. Meikle and of Mrs Meikle, of Howden, North Humberside, and Anna Helen, daughter of the late Mr S. C. C. Vigers and of Mrs Vigers, of Reigate Heath.

Mr A. M. Paton and Miss S. E. Barker
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs D. C. Paton, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Barker, of Ellougton, North Humberside.

Mr S. D. E. Peppiatt and Miss K. H. H. Kendall
The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Peppiatt, of Wimbledon, London, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kendall, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr J. R. C. Perkins and Miss C. M. St. Aubyn-Sayer
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs R. M. Perkins, of Sonning, and Catherine, daughter of Captain and Mrs J. H. St. Aubyn-Sayer, of Charminster.

Mr F. N. Robertson and Miss S. J. Rowson
The engagement is announced between Fraser, only son of Mr and Mrs S. N. Robertson, of Worcester, and Sallie Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ratcliff Rowson, of Letcombe Regis, Oxfordshire.

Mr N. C. A. Stubbs and Miss E Dalton
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Charles Arthur, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C. A. Stubbs, of Chester, and Emma, daughter of Mr John Dalton, of Plymouth, and Mrs Mary Dalton, of Cawsand.

Mr J. S. R. Stroud and Miss J. R. Ball-Wilson
The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Squadron-Leader J. G. W. Stroud and Mrs O. H. Sykes, of Canterbury, Kent, and Juliet, younger daughter of Mr H. Ball-Wilson and the late Mrs G. M. Ball-Wilson, of Westminster, London.

Marriages

Mr S. R. Crookenden and Miss S. A. G. M. Pragnell
The marriage took place on August 20, 1983, at St Gregory's Church, Stratford-on-Avon, of Mr Simon Crookenden, son of Major Spencer Crookenden and the late Mrs Jean Crookenden, and stepson of Mrs Elisabeth Crookenden, of Staveley, Cumbria, and Miss Sarah Pragnell, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Pragnell, of Stratford-on-Avon. Father Placid Sinnot officiated. Mr David Carlisle was best man.

Mr D. J. S. Flook and Miss B. A. Roy
The marriage took place on August 17 at Fulham, of Mr David Flook, son of Mr and Mrs Reg J. Flook, of Putney, formerly of Bahrain, and Miss Barbara Anne Roy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter M. Roy, of Exeter, formerly of Trinidad.
A reception was held at 37 Golden Manor, W7.

Mr J. Hannam, MP and Mrs V. Wauchope
The marriage took place on August 23 in London, followed by a service of blessing in the Crypt Chapel, Palace of Westminster, of Mr John Hannam, MP, and Mrs Vanessa Wauchope.

Birthdays today

Lord Ashby, 79; Mr Paul Barker, 48; Mr Carlo Curley, 31; Sir Michael Franklin, 56; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, 61; Commander Sir Clive Loehnis, 81; Mr Justice Milmo, 75; Major-General W. J. Officer, 80; Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Saunders, 89; Air Chief Marshal Sir Augustus Walker, 71.

Reception

Mr A. E. H. Jaffer
Mr Ahmed E. H. Jaffer, President of the Pakistan Association of World Federalists, gave a reception yesterday evening at Dartmouth House in honour of Mr David Ennals, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Stranded Pakistanis.

Tower Bridge and tenement take awards

Tower Bridge, London, and a Glasgow tenement are among five historic buildings to receive the British Tourist Authority's heritage awards, it was announced yesterday. The awards are for restoration or conversion of historic properties open to the public.

Tower Bridge has attracted more than half a million visitors since its high-level walkways and machinery rooms were opened as a tourist attraction last year.

At the other end of the scale, the Tenement House, Glasgow, retains the authentic atmosphere of a typical small early twentieth-century home in the Scottish city, with most of the original fitments and belongings of the family who lived there for 50 years.

Other awards go to Bodysgallen, an historic house converted into an hotel near Llandudno, North Wales; Newby Hall and Gardens, North Yorkshire; and the Ulster-American Folk Park, near Omagh, Northern Ireland.

Commemorative service

The Royal Assent to the Emancipation Bill, given on August 28, 1833, will be commemorated in Westminster Abbey at evensong on Sunday, August 28, and afterwards at a short service at the statue of Sir Thomas Buxton in the North aisle.

Canon Trevor Beeson will officiate. Sir Bernard de Bunsen will read the lesson and an address will be given by Mr M. J. Dent. Lady Clarke will present an inscribed rose bowl to the abbey on behalf of the Buxton family.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Dr Walter Bodmer, FRS, to be a trustee of the British Museum (Natural History), in succession to Professor David Valentine, who has resigned for health reasons.
Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Thornton to be head of police training at Hendon College, London.
Commander Richard Wells to be director of information at New Scotland Yard from September 1 in the rank of deputy assistant commissioner. He succeeds Mr Thornton.

University news

Oxford
Professor Keith William Morton, MA (Oxford), PhD (New York), professor of applied mathematics at Reading University, has been elected to the chair of numerical analysis from April 1, 1984.

Oxford class list
Lindsey Shaw, of St Edmund Hall, Oxford, formerly of Mackie Academy, Stonehaven, was awarded an *aegrotat* in the final honours school of English language and literature, the class list for which was published on August 5.

Reprieve for Victorian church

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

Conservationists have secured a last-minute reprieve for a notable Victorian church in Bristol which was already in the hands of demolition contractors.

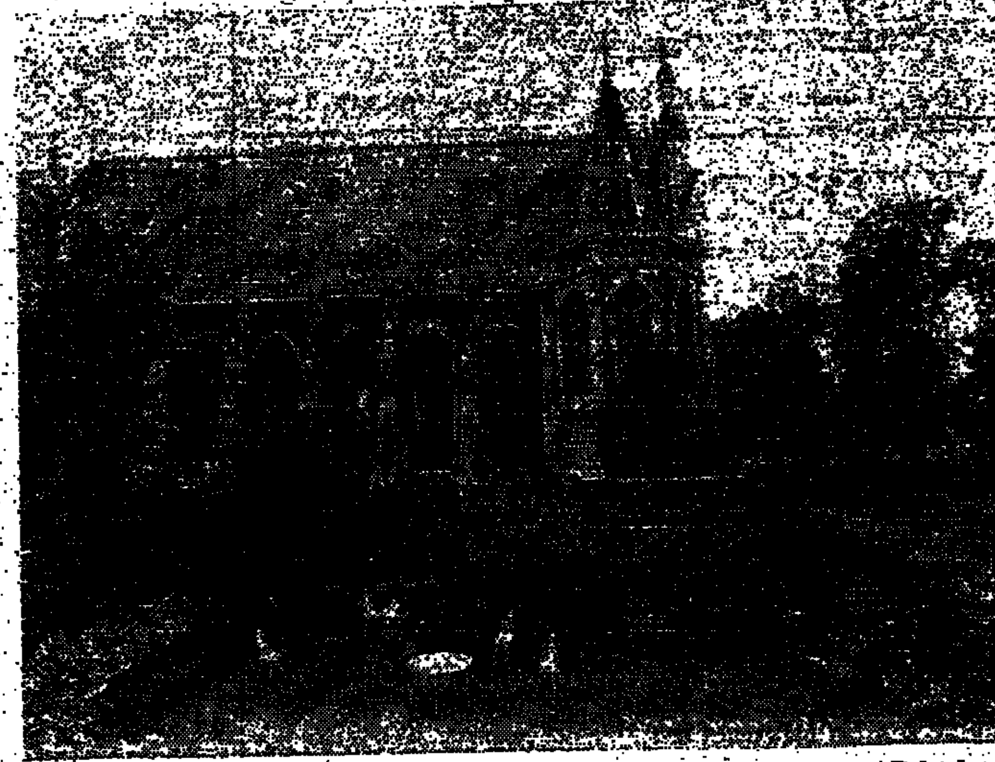
The issues raised by the case have again drawn attention to the anomalies surrounding the preservation of notable Nonconformist church buildings, and may point towards a solution.

Save, the organization concerned with the survival of the nation's architectural heritage, had talks with the trustees of the United Reformed Church in Clifton Down, Bristol, and has undertaken to find a suitable alternative use for the building. The church trustees have, in turn, agreed not to proceed with demolition.

Mr Marcus Binney, who negotiated with the trustees on Save's behalf, said he envisaged an open-plan office type of use. The church would keep a chapel on the site. The buildings were completed in 1868 to a design by Charles Hansom.

Although it is a listed building, the trustees were allowed, under the so-called ecclesiastical exemption, to order demolition without the city planning office being able to intervene. Conservationists have been campaigning for the ending of ecclesiastical exemption from normal listed building controls, particularly in the case of non-Anglican churches.

In the Church of England state aid is available through the Redundant Churches Fund to maintain unwanted churches of historic and architectural interest, and the church also has a system of controls, parallel to the controls over secular buildings. The Free Churches and the Roman Catholic Church receive no such aid, and have no similar controls.



Saved from the bulldozer: The United Reformed Church at Clifton Down, Bristol.

Save says it would support the removal of that anamoly.

Without commenting on the Bristol case, the Rev Bernard Thorogood, general secretary of the United Reformed Church, said he would initiate an approach to the Government through the Churches' Main Committee, the body through which all the main denominations discuss legal problems with government departments.

He envisaged a system to preserve redundant Free Church buildings which would be funded partly by Government, partly by the local community, and partly by the church concerned.

On all sides the problem is seen as one likely to occur more often in the future. Most Nonconformist or Roman Catholic buildings likely to become redundant and therefore candidates for demolition are Victorian, and in urban areas that are in need of architectural, if not spiritual uplift.

The church is often the one building of character in that locality. They are also approaching the end of their useful life as structures, however, and changes in population have usually reduced the size of congregation to the point where it is scarcely viable.

At the same time, fashion in town planning has changed from preferring wholesale redevelopment of such areas, towards rehabilitation of the area with the buildings intact.

Several experiences in recent years have brought home to the non-Anglican denominations that considerable local unpopularity can be generated if they try to solve the problem of surplus buildings by demolition. The most recent *cause celebre* was St Francis Xavier's church in Liverpool, part of which the Roman Catholic authorities wished to demolish but which was saved by public outcry.

The Department of the Environment is expected to publish a consultative document on the preservation of redundant ecclesiastical buildings later this year.

Captain Kenneth Snow (right), the new commanding officer of HMS Hermes, who was joined aboard the aircraft carrier at Portsmouth yesterday by three of his predecessors. The ceremony in which Captain Snow took over command from Captain Roger Dimmock (left), coincided with the changeover of Flag Officer Third Flotilla in which HMS Hermes is the senior ship.

Rear-Admiral Dick Fitch (second right) assumed command from Vice-Admiral Derek Reffell, who becomes Flag Officer Naval Air Command. Both are former commanding officers on Hermes. Vice-Admiral Reffell has a total of 13 years' service on the carrier in every rank from midshipman to commanding officer.

OBITUARY

MR WILLIAM TAMBLIN

Versatile aircraft designer

Mr W. A. Tamblin OBE, an aircraft designer who made significant contributions during the volatile wartime and post war eras, died on August 15. He was 80.

Tamblin trained as a naval architect at Rosyth, in Fifeshire, before entering the aircraft industry. He worked in several companies, including Blackburn Aircraft and Handley Page, before joining De Havilland in 1936. His experience of metal construction was of considerable help to De Havilland in designing their first all-metal airliner the DH95 Flamingo under Mr R. E. Bishop.

During the Second World War Tamblin was put in charge of the DH98 Mosquito wing design, and was later responsible for the design of a large number of Mosquito developments. This included the modification of this versatile aircraft, in particular to produce a type carrying a 6lb gun and another carrying a 4,000lb bomb. Later he developed a naval version with a folding wooden wing and arrestor hook.

After the war he was responsible for the structural design of the DH106 Comet wing, and in 1951 he took over the design of the DH114 Heron light transport aircraft.

Later in 1951 he was appointed to the airspeed division of De Havilland at Christchurch as chief designer, in the following years he was responsible for work on a large number of DH military types and projects, including development of the Venom fighter and the DH110 aircraft which he modified extensively for naval application, and which became known as the Sea Vixen.

At the end of the 1950s he returned to Hatfield to take up work on the 125 business jet and on several design projects, including early studies for a jet feederliner.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

DR F. H. KROCH

Dr Falk Heinz Kroch, CBE, who died in London on August 22, was the founder of Lankro Chemicals Ltd and its chairman from 1937 to 1971.

He was born in Berlin in 1904 and, after education at Freiburg and Berlin universities, went into the chemicals industry. In 1937 he left Germany as a refugee from Nazism and came to Britain. In the same year he established Lankro Chemicals at Eccles, the suburb of Manchester, with a handful of employees.

Lankro grew until in 1968, when it became a public company, it had more than 800 employees. In 1977, when it was bought by Diamond Shamrock, an American company, it had 1,250.

Much of its activity was devoted to producing chemicals for the leather trade, and in 1966-67 Kroch was president of the Society of Leather Technologists. He also gave help to the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. He was appointed CBE in 1973.

MR L. C. WILCHER

A correspondent writes:

Lewis Wilcher, whose death you briefly noted on July 16, succeeded John Tothill as Principal of the Gordon Memorial College, Khartum in 1947, and guided the institution through its growth to become first the University College of Khartum and later the University of Khartum when Sudan attained independence.

He had a difficult task, for the Arabic-speaking northern Sudanese who made up the vast majority of the students were distinctly pro-Arab in their political sympathies, and many of them looked to Egypt rather than to Great Britain for intellectual guidance and inspiration. This Australian Rhodes Scholar made it plain that the college was quite distinct from the British authorities who were running the country; when there were student demonstrations, these were invariably directed against the Government, and never against the University Senate or staff.

Apart from cricket and Balliol, Lewis' great love was buildings, and he was responsible for the erection of a handsome set of Moorish-Gothic teaching blocks and hostels on the university's fine site beside the Blue Nile. Subsequently, and using the same team of architects, he saw to the erection of an equally handsome set of buildings in Oxford, where he served as Warden of Queen Elizabeth House from 1956 to 1968. Aided by his wife Vere, née Wiley, Wilcher attached great importance to the welfare of his staff in both institutions.

Mr K. R. M. Carlisle, who died on July 23 at the age of 75, was a former chairman of Liebig's Extract of Meat Company, based in South America, and was later deputy chairman of Brooke Bond-Liebig.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Gray, CBE, who died on August 18 at the age of 80, was WRVS Administrator, Midland Region, from 1949 to 1971, and had also been County Commissioner for the Gloucestershire Girl Guides from 1949 to 1961.

Archaeology

Welsh cave yields another secret

Further early human remains have been found at a cave in Wales, where last year parts of two Neanderthal children were discovered. The specimens, from an older child and possibly an adult, were found with stone tools from about a quarter of a million years ago.

The finds, from Pontnewydd Cave near Rhyl, consist of two more teeth in this case first premolars from the left lower jaw. They have been identified by Dr Christopher Stringer of the Natural History Museum as being from a child aged 12 and from someone who may have been an adult.

Both teeth have large crowns, and fit well into the known range of tooth size and form for *Homo sapiens neanderthaensis*. The new finds bring to three the minimum number of Neanderthalers known from Pontnewydd Cave: the 12-year-old, indicated for the first time this year; a younger child aged about nine, found last year (*The Times*, November 27, 1982); and the adult. Since the remains found last year need not necessaily have come from the same person as the child's jawbone found in 1980, more than three persons may be represented in the human remains so far recovered.

Dr Stephen Green of the National Museum of Wales, who is directing the excavation, now in its sixth season, said: "This shows us that human skull fragments could also be preserved at Pontnewydd, as well as the jaw and maxilla remains found in 1980 and 1982". He said one other bone was part of a baby bear's skull.

The stone tools from the excavations include handaxes, scrapers, cores and flakes of a late Acheulean industry. Dr Green said. A varety of volcanic rocks were used as raw material, while this year for the first time a flint handaxe was found, which must have been brought in from further east in the chalk zone of England.

The excavation was funded by the British Academy, the Society of Anitquaries, and Welsh and American organizations. It took place with the permission of the landowner, Major David Williams-Wynn, and the Welsh Office, and has also yielded the remains of animals. These include roe deer, beaver and wood mouse, and show that at the time the climate was relatively warm, so that North Wales would have been a suitable habitat for groups of hunters.

The Pontnewydd remains are roughly contemporary with the Swanscombe skull, the most famous early human specimen from Britain, and with several well known continental skulls, including those from Steinheim, Petralona and Tautavel. Together these remains suggest that a close relative of modern humans was already in existence, and living throughout Europe from Greece and Spain to Britain, at a remarkably early date.

Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid):

Adams, Mr Stephen Edwin, of Cobham, Surrey £217,556
Boddington, Mrs Mary Stewart, of Malpas, Cheshire £297,978
Chamberlain, Mrs Helen Wing, of North Wootton, King's Lynn, Norfolk £329,815
Cooper, Mrs Muriel Hearne, of Wandsworth, London £224,665
Duncan, Mr John Neil, of Putney, London, concrete engineer £283,829
Elwell, Mr Lionel Stewart, of Dunchurch, Rugby, Warwickshire £238,361
Gardner, Mr Charles Joseph Thomas, of Topsham, Devon, BBC war correspondent and broadcaster £86,022
Gold, Mrs Pauline Madeleine, of Bayswater, London £439,077
Harvey, Mr Sydney, of Marylebone, London £227,868
Hyde, Mrs Marguerite Rochfort, of Mullingar, co Westmeath, estate in England, Wales and Republic of Ireland £310,947

BBC launches new season on wave of culture and comedy

By Amanda Haigh

Roger Daltry, the rock star, in *The Beggar's Opera*, Lenny Henry, the black comedian, in drag, and Penelope Keith, the actress, in a passionate love affair with a man 16 years her junior are among the surprises in the BBC's autumn schedules announced yesterday.

A fourpart showing of *The Godfather*, including the two feature films plus additional footage, and a complete one-day screening of *Gone with the Wind* are also promised before the end of the year.

The BBC is boasting 33 new series to begin this autumn, along with more than fifty old favourites, and nearly 1,500 "originations", programmes wholly made by the BBC, during the season starting on September 3.

The Beggar's Opera, starring Roger Daltry of The Who, is a special production by Jonathan Miller. There is also an *Opera night* on BBC-2 including two Glyndebourne productions. The BBC marathon Shakespeare project continues with *Macbeth* and *Pericles*, and there are new adaptations of the classics *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte and *Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen, the first time this novel has been dramatized for television.

A new situation comedy series, *Sweet Sixteen*, stars Penelope Keith as a wealthy widow running a building company she has inherited and romantically involved with her handsome architect, 16 years younger than herself. Light entertainment favourites Jasper Carrott and *The Two Ronnies* also return in new series.

An epic 10-part drama series set in the English Civil War, *By the Sword Divided* is being made on location at Rockingham Castle, Northants, for screening this autumn. More downmarket American favourites to return are *Dallas*, in its sixth series, and *Knots Landing* in its third.

The current affairs department promises the first live coverage of all four party political conferences on BBC-1, plus the CBI and TUC conferences, and the new daily programme *60 Minutes* to replace the old *Nationwide*.

The BBC's exclusive look inside Westminster *The Great Palace – the story of Parliament*, in which Mrs Margaret Thatcher shows where many of her major decisions are made and Viscount Tonypandy (formerly Mr Speaker Thomas) takes viewers on a conducted tour of the Commons chamber, starts in November.

Science report

Changing the story of Samson and Delilah

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Medical research scientists believe thay are close to unravelling the cause of a group of illnesses which have long baffled doctors.

The disorders are those which occur when the body's defence mechanism goes wrong and the immunological system, which should protect people against bacteria, viruses, toxins and tumours begins to generate agents that attack healthy tissue.

An indication of the intense international effort which has brought scientists to a verge of understanding the reasons for the "self-attack" was presented to the biomedical section of the British Association.

Four aspects of the work in Britain which exploit new methods in genetic engineering and new substances that can also prevent the rejection of transplanted organs were disclosed by Professor J. Newsom-Davis, clinical research professor of neurology, the Royal Free Hospital and the Institute of Neurology, London; Professor W. I. McDonald, professor of clinical neurology, Institute of Neurology, London; Mr D. G. T. Thomas, consultant neurosurgeon, The National Hospital, London; and Dr Rhona Mirsky, Department of Anatomy Embryology, University College London.

Professor Newsom-Davis's group is devising new treatments for myasthenia gravis (MG), a muscle weakness that threatens life.

He suggested that Samson could have had MG, because the pattern of weakness followed by a surge of strength was consistent with the disorder. Moreover, there was a connexion between autoimmune diseases and allopecia. He added: "Delilah probably did not cut off Samson's hair; it fell out".

However, the serious scientific insight into the disease came from two fundamental discoveries. One was the isolation of a lethal venom (alpha-bungarotoxin) from a black and white-banded snake called the Formosan banded krait. That toxin produces acute MG, and death is very rapid.

The trouble occurs because of a defect in the junction between the nerve fibre and the muscle to which it is supplying signals. Under normal conditions, the nerve cell releases its biochemical (acetylcholine) which causes the muscles to twitch.

Two defects exist. In one, the substance is blocked from stimulating muscle action. In the other, which occurs in a rarer form of muscle weakness, the biochemical is not released at all.

The second important step in the research involves the thymus gland, an organ that lies in the chest behind the breast bone and which in most people by the time they have reached puberty has shrivelled to an inconsequential peanut-size nodule.

It has been well known that in MG the thymus gland is large and active. It's removal can improve the condition significantly.

But the latest research suggest that the thymus gland is the organ in which at an early stage of life the hundreds of cells involved in the body's defence mechanism are taught to recognize "self tissue" and "foreign" invaders.

Among the treatments devised by Professor Newsom-Davies's group is a method for diverting the blood plasma of a patient through a special biological filter which removes the agents that are attacking the junction of the nerve fibre and the muscle cell.

Other treatments include the use of substances which also prevent the rejection of organs in tissue transplants. These anti-rejection substances also form an important part of experiments into discovering how the breakdown of the protective system occurs.

In addition, the manufacture by genetic engineering techniques of special biochemicals open the way for a new approach to treating this type of disorder by getting the body to generate its own second line of defence. But that strategy as a treatment is further off.

TV-am joins the establishment

By a Staff Reporter

TV-am will mark its astonishing recovery in popularity next month by joining the ITV companies' "club", the Independent Television Contractors' Association (ITCA).

The station, which is running neck and neck with the BBC at breakfast time, refused to join Itca, the the industry's policy-making body, when TV-am was under its original management team, headed by Mr Peter Jay.

One TV-am executive said yesterday: "The ITV companies used to be suspicious of us. There was a tremendous personality problem with the previous management because other ITV companies felt TV-am were coming in and looking down on them".

But, since the ratings revolution started by the new management's downmarket drift and spearheaded by the puppet character Roland Rat, the breach has been healed. Now ITV and TV-am intend increasingly to cross-promote their wares, partly in the belief that an extension of broadcasting hours during weekday mornings is on the cards.

If the BBC and ITV enter the morning television lists, the commercial companies are desperate to ensure that they have a popular breakfast station ready to give them an early audience lead.

The improved ratings have yet to make much difference to the advertising revenues of the station, however. When TV-am was launched, Mr Jay predicted an annual advertising income of about £20m a year. Station executives refused to reveal their current predictions yesterday, but none dissented from the judgment of the advertising agency Young and Rubicam which estimated that the first full year of trading will see the company receive between £7m and £8m.

The September revenue is between £800,000 and £1m, a figure which Mr Tony Vickers the company's new sales director, hopes to build upon.

"Our higher ratings were not necessarily reflected in advertising in August even though the audiences were there", Mr Vickers said. "What we have to do now is convice people that, if you have the kids watching us, the families follow. People are beginning to believe".

But not in sufficient numbers quite yet. While TV-am has a ratecard, the amount it charges its advertisers is highly negotiable. When asked by how much, Mr Vickers, reverting to a well-known BBC catchword, simply replied: "Pass".

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THE ARTS

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Estrangement transformed

The Soul of a Jew
Music Hall

Sartre once defined anti-Semitism as a ready-made persona adopted by people with no identity of their own. If so, this helps to explain the persistence of anti-Semitism inside the ghetto itself; and in particular the case of the 23-year-old philosopher Otto Weininger, Hitler's favourite Jew, who published his pro-Aryan *credo in 1903 and then shot himself* in the house where Beethoven had died.

From this private event Yehoshua Sobol's play embarks on a masterly analysis of the public and familial aspects of the Jewish identity crisis in turn-of-the-century Vienna, *split* between the rival utopias of an all-Aryan Austria and Herzl's Zion. Old Austrian liberalism, the new Jewish science of psychoanalysis, and a father who brought Otto up to be more German than the Germans, all push him along the politico-Oedipal path towards his final act.

The Soul of a Jew is a memory play showing Otto reliving his own past during the long night before he pulls the trigger. But the room itself is always there: a musty abandoned den with phantoms passing through Adrian Vaux's mirrored doors. *Instead of flashbacks memory is* located in the psychological present and the room corresponds to Otto's idea of his own mind as a shuttered house with frantic activity going on behind the locked doors.

What unfolds there is the story of his estrangement from mankind. He *starts with good friends*: a liberal Aryan teacher, a devoted fellow *student, a loving girl. To varying* degrees they too are suffering from *living amidst* "the crumbling foundations of liberal Austria", but they are ready to compromise or emigrate; where for Otto the only strength lies in uncompromising Judaic self-detestation and the conviction that Zionism will be wrecked on the *diaspora. They are ordinary people;* he is a genius or a zero.

From an outside viewpoint he is in the romantic tradition of tortured young heroes whose alienation and superior intelligence entitle them to give their friends a hard time. What salvages Otto is partly the fact that he *is intellectually formidable – not only* in anti-Semitic and anti-feminist argument, but also *in tackling Freud* and dissecting his prose style as the great man lies supine on the couch. The other redeeming factor is that of Otto's double with whom he plays hide-and-seek behind the mirrors before confronting his other self as that despised creature, a women. From his anti-feminist obsession and the view of existence as a perpetual struggle, Otto could be a creation of Strindberg, who in fact arrives in *person in the second act.*

In its heightened emotions and fluid use of dreamtime the play too is full of Strindbergian echoes which are powerfully projected in Gedalia Besser's Hebrew-language production for the Haifa Muncipal Theatre. The show turns on a sixpence between high passion and grotesque comedy and excels *particularly in the transformation of imagery.*

Leora Rivlin delivers a virtuoso deathblow to the Jewish matriarch, pouring out an unstoppable avalanche of martyred complaints through a fixed dazzling smile. But the most *electrifying spectacle is the joint* creation of Otto by Doron Tavori and Tehiya Danon as the double. Tavori crouched romantically over Beethoven's keyboard and confronting the world in dignified solitude also has the capacity to collapse into writhing *buffoonery when in contact with* other people: a pitilessly exact portrait of the emotionally *maimed* intellectual. Danon, a mocking mirror image with a life of her own, finally emerges as a cabaret master of ceremonies who scoops him up into a last waltz, a silk-*hatted angel of death.*

Irving Wardle

Pitilessly exact: Doron Tavori with Leora Rivlin

Television

Pain made public

At the age of eight, Gaynor Fairbrother *fell into a fire; her* mother wanted to wipe the ashes from her cheeks and then she realized that they were a part of her daughter's face. The horror of that accident was visible in I'm Gaynor – I'm Me! (Thames), just as it had been in Gaynor's first reaction to the sight of herself: "It can't be me. . . ." Now, 23 years later and after some 20 operations, what looked like a Haloween *mask trampled underfoot has* been transformed into a recognizable *although* still ravaged and distorted face.

It is remarkable how a person's visage *determines the* manner in which he or she is treated – *it is a primitive* reaction, perhaps related to the idea of the face as an image of the soul, and therefore most difficult to transcend. The spectacle of Gaynor trying to live normally in a world which *turned away from* her was affecting, sometimes even too painful to watch. *Her life has* been one long infliction. The affection of those around her must have helped to sustain her – "I don't see a spoiled face", one *friend said*, "I just see Gaynor" – and in fact the colleagues at her factory raised money for further elaborate *plastic surgery.*

The programme followed her through four years of that surgery, as she slowly and most painfully got rid of "the thing that was not actually me". But it was still difficult to see the justification for revealing that experience to a television audience. This was essentially an exercise in sensationalism, *only barely disguised by the* apparent "objectivity" of a documentary. *This may seem a* harsh judgment, but how else is the public exposure of an entirely private matter to be described?

Even though Gaynor agreed to the making of the programme, *and grew to trust those* involved in it, she was still being exploited in a contemporary equivalent of the Victorian travelling fair. The audience's responses of sympathy or pity are inappropriate where they are not destructive, since they cannot effectively be employed to *help. It* was as if we were watching someone sinking under water and could do nothing to raise her up: what, in those circumstances, is the point of displaying one person's suffering?

Peter Ackroyd

Hilary Finch meets Anthony Rolfe Johnson, who repeats his acclaimed Aschenbach, in Britten's *Death in Venice,* at the King's Theatre on Friday

The climax of an opera-singer's decade

The first week at Edinburgh ends with Scottish Opera's co-production with Le Grand Théâtre, Geneva, of Britten's last opera, *Death in Venice*. For Anthony Rolfe Johnson his Gustav von Aschenbach, highly acclaimed in Geneva in May, has been a watershed in his career. Yet only two years ago he almost turned it down, seeing the role as very much an end-of-career part.

"I had Peter Pears in mind, of course. He was 63 when he *did it after all*. But, while Roderick Brydon and Francois Rochaix were in Geneva two years ago, working with the designer Jean-Claude Maret on *The Turn of the Screw*, they happened to see me, in the other theatre, playing the Innocent in *Boris*. Francois apparently said to Roderick 'I saw Aschenbach last night' – and, when the Intendant at Geneva asked them what they'd like to do next, they said *Death in Venice* with me."

Inside the score of *Death in Venice* is the warning that all *those involved in a production* of the opera should acquaint themselves with the recording made under Britten's supervision. But the condition of *working in Geneva* was that Rolfe Johnson should start from scratch, without seeing or listening to any previous performances. "Of course, Peter is always there. I love him dearly and in everything I ever do of Britten's I always hear that

Rolfe Johnson: evolving his own persona

sound in my ears. What I do, I do for him." But Rolfe Johnson found Aschenbach evolving into a persona that was to *become very much his own.*

"The biggest danger of the whole piece is to become too involved in the homosexual connotations. It is a great personal tragedy, of any man, any artist who succumbs to *passion to the point of destruction* – and to have done so because of his very intergrity. The part is full of poignant humour, as Aschenbach the *writer looks at himself, writes* notes, reads them back, reflects and draws conclusions, all the time examining things with his reason. But he hasn't taken account of the fact that he's capable of the sensual. That enters, as it always does, by the back door – and he's totally unprepared for the shock."

"Does beauty lead to wisdom, Phaedrus? Yes, but through the senses. Can poets take this way, then – for senses lead to passion . . ." The words come from Aschenbach near the very end of the opera. *Did Rolfe* Johnson feel that his fate was predestined, that the dilemma he faced was for the artist, unavoidable and insuperable? "I feel that, because Aschenbach is an artist, he's an experimenter, and his experimenting cuts out any possible cerebral escape route he might have followed. The more I played it, the more I felt conscious of the presence *of the Traveller* – a projection of Aschenbach's inner self – blocking every escape. And then the gods have a hand in it too: glassblower, strawberry seller, hotel porter and manager – all seemed to me minor deities, pushing me forward, yet without my being able, even wanting, to do anything about it.

"I was interested, too, in the *comment made by The Times* critic [Greville Rothon, May 24] about my not seeming old enough. I feel that, if a person is lively in his mind, he doesn't *have to be old physically*. And in fact I had in mind someone I knew who went through a similar infatuation late in life, and he seemed to become younger all the time. Aschenbach, I feel, relaxes in the warmth of Venice, becomes more expansive, then, when the fall comes, it's a hundred times more devastating.

"*In this opera, the responsibility* is entirely yours. It taught me to be in command as an actor in a way I'd never experienced before. It's funny, I *never used to think of myself* primarily as an opera singer. I'm only in my tenth year professionally, as I started late, so I've always had tremendous anxieties about being sure enough of myself to do the music and the theatre justice. *Orfeo* with David Freeman was a great revelation – but *Death in Venice* was the real opener, a focusing of everthing in my *musical life up till now.*"

Rolfe Johnon feels confident that this new sense of focusing and balance will continue: later this year in Britten's *Rape of Lucretia* at ENO ("I still think of that as *my* opera house"), and then three big landmarks. He sings Pelléas at La Monnaie next January, set up after a concert performance there of Britten's *Les Illuminations*. *Then comes his debut* at La Scala in 1984 as Lucio Silla; and in 1985 his Covent Garden debut in *Semele*.

Meanwhile, the concert repertoire runs along like a ground bass. He has just been working on a new recital record under the auspices of the Songmakers' Almanack, of which he was a founder member.

Zemlinsky bill
King's Theatre

Not the least of the things Schoenberg was right about was the stature of his teacher, brother-in-law and friend, Alexander Zemlinsky. It was on the occasion of *the latter's fiftieth* birthday that Schoenberg predicted a future audience for him, but it took another 50 years, until the centenary *celebrations of 1971, for Zem*linsky to be set on the road of revaluation.

That course has led him now to the heady eminence of having six works performed at this Viennese Edinburgh Festival, beginning on Monday with the double bill of his Oscar Wilde operas discussed earlier *this year by Stephen Pettitt* from Germany.

In bringing these productions *to Edinburgh, the* Hamburg State Opera has proved again that Zemlinsky was a composer with his own style and his own way of doing things. He was an authentic artist, and it is his authenticity that makes *The Dwarf*, the later of these two operas, a keenly effective piece in spite of all its melodrama and musical excess.

Of course, the score runs over with echoes of late Mahler, early Schoenberg and any Strauss, but is also profoundly Zemlinskian: the nearness to the erotic, luxuriant but funda*mentally* lonely *Lyric Symphony* is clear, as is the inimitability of Zemlinsky's melodic style.

The opera is a fairytale inflated into a highly-charged emotional drama lasting well over an hour, but the underlying experience *is one too close* to Zemlinsky to be dismissed as histrionic. He was the dwarf, which is why it is regrettable that the Hamburg production *should be reverting to the* original Wilde title of *The Birthday of the Infanta.*

Deeply conscious of his smallness, and of a physiognomy so idiosyncratically bird-like it can be recognized even in a terrible portrait by Schoenberg that hangs now in Edinburgh's "*Vienna 1900*" exhibition, *Zemlinsky put his heart into* the dwarf who falls in love with his child princess, then dies of grief when he bumps into a mirror and sees his monstrous appear*ance for the first time.*

The dwarf's music is at once ardent and naive, where that for *the princess* is all pretty-pretty, and totally artificial. The dwarf's problem is how to exist in her world: it was Zemlinsky's problem, too, and it is incapable of solution.

The other opera, *A Florentine Tragedy*, is greatly less interesting, though again there is an element of autobiography. Kenneth Riegel, so desperately touching as the dwarf, is in the earlier opera a lover kept hanging in the balance by a jealous husband, just as Zemlinsky found himself left in embarrassing isolation after Schoenberg and *most of the rest* of their circle had departed for the realms of atonality. *The Dwarf*, though, when conducted as exultantly as it is here, by Gerd Albrecht, shows he won through in the end. It can be seen again, and heard on Radio 3, tonight.

Paul Griffiths

Promenade Concert

LPO/Tennstedt
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Listening to Mahler's Sixth Symphony must be like experiencing one of those moments when death is *imminently* threatening, and all life's experiences are supposed to flash before you in one dreadful instant. But if in real life there is a chance of redemption that is not so in Mahler's symphony, where the final outcome can only be annihilation.

Klaus Tennstedt, making his first appearance at the Proms, elicited a suitably garish reading *from the London Philharmonic* Orchestra, making this nightmare all the more ghastly through his extreme tempos and no less by his careful sense of orchestral balance and rubato. It was a dramatic performance, yet it was not of the theatre. Rather Tennstedt took the honest man's view and faced the universal reality of the work head-on.

Quite sensibly, he adhered to Erwin Ratz's 1963 edition of the score, in which Mahler's revisions are incorporated but the two central movements revert to the sequence that the composer first envisaged, with the Scherzo placed before the Andante moderato. (After changing his mind, Mahler subsequently changed it back again, according to Ratz.)

Both movements can be seen as retrospective views of an earlier, happier life, although the mood of the onlooker is very different in each. On the one hand, the Andante moderato is all innocence, *blooming* into a sweetly sad romantic passion that here attained a Schubert-like quality, albeit more heavily sentimentalized, despite the slightly lumpy phrasing of the horns. On the *other hand, the Scherzo ought* to feel malicious. The overtly sardonic outer sections are easy enough to bring off in this way. Rather more elusive is the Trio, where like a Punch and Judy show the apparent innocuousness *lies only on the surface.* Tennstedt began with the right threatening atmosphere, but some momentum, and hence bite, was lost towards the end.

Tension was never allowed to slacken however in the first and last movements. The sinister rhythms of the percussion (who throughout did excellent work) seemed to colour *every* mood. Hence the brass, celebrating the gift of life, would be reminded brusquely of the curse of dying; or the cowbells, placed high in the gallery and thereby surrounded by a ghostly resonance, *would temper nostalgia with the* thought that what has gone can never be recovered. And all the while the sinking regression from major to minor would push the hopelessness of it all firmly home, as with deathly precision *did the awesome* hammer blows in the finale.

Stephen Pettitt

Three Choirs Festival

RPO/Sanders
Gloucester Cathedral

The sea *is* never very far from the ears of a British composer, and Paul Patterson is no exception. For his Gloucester Three Choirs Festival com*mission he composed* not a sea symphony but a *Mass of the Sea*, which was given its first performance on Monday night by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Festival Chorus directed by the cathedral organist and festival conductor John Sanders.

With Tim Rose Price, his collaborator *on the 1981 Voices of Sleep*, Patterson has devised a clever, eloquent and for the most part convincing integration of sea images ("water wrapped eternity eternally") and the text of the Mass: the *Kyrie surfaces out of the chaos* uncreate of solo horn and gradually focusing wide-set strings; the Gloria rejoices at the naming of the dry land; the Sanctus stands in awe of the bow in the sky; the Agnus Dei *links, figuratively, to Christ,* the waters of salvation and the apocalyptic vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

The musical language is clear, vivid and coherent; the first three notes of the plainsong "Ave Maris Stella" hold the piece together in often powerful transformations, and its dramatic structure is equally surely paced.

Despite the strongly Britten-esque choral writing, with its fractured and overlapping rhythms, Mr Patterson lacks a similar ability to write in such a way that does *not* either over-simplistically underscore the words or prevent them from being heard at all. This was the work's obvious weakness; but in both overall conception and realization its internal energy fired *the* resources of orchestra, chorus and the soloists, Janet Price, Mary King, Kenneth Bowen and Christopher Keyte. It has been recorded by the BBC for *future transmission.*

Hilary Finch

Theatre in London

Agamemnon/A Phoenix Too Frequent
St George's

The New Classical Theatre Company, devoted to Greek and Roman plays and their *modern progeny*, launches itself in London at the St George's Theatre after several *tours* of Greece. This converted Tufnell Park church is big enough to slow the plays down but its Shakespearian stage, flanked by neo-Norman *pillars, needs only* an entrance grille to make it Aeschylus's Mycenae palace or the vault for Christopher Fry's comedy.

With their *Agamemnon*, also in a church, a few seasons ago the Company of *Three* showed how effective a small-cast production could be when backed by exceptional acting talent, imaginative music and a swift, vital style. This cast is capable, but it needs much more.

Pedants they are not – though orginally co-students, they are probably not classicists or they would not mispronounce names like Artemis. The chorus, three at most and shedding members in rotation for other roles, look effective in white make-up and robes; but the odes themselves, *even in Raphael and McLeish's* punchy simplified translation, need more colourful delivery and pace to hold interest. Clytemnestra (Julia Tarnocky), prosaic in the exultant opening scenes, is much better in the *depression and bitterness after* killing Agamemnon.

First seen as a half-demented Pre-Raphaelite Cassandra, Karen Hayes reappears after the *interval as Fry's Dynamene,* lolling petulantly in full evening dress against the coffin of the boring husband she has decided not to survive. The chance arrival of a handsome young soldier to provide not only a *liquid lunch* but a most agreeable reason for staying alive makes a charming, *if over*-extended, comedy.

Fry's writing is arch at times but it is also witty, poetic and occasionally naughty. Miss Hayes, Adrian Hough as her wide-eyed admirer and Emma Jane Bleakely as her *cheerfully* amoral maid play with intelligence and a nice sense of the ridiculous.

Anthony Masters

Dance

New York City Ballet
Covent Garden

If you believe that ballet ought to tell stories and that the stage designs are as important as the other elements, stay away from the New York City Ballet. George Balanchine, their founder, guide and (even after his death) inspiring spirit, spent long enough with the Diaghilev Ballet to see through those heresies, and when he had his own company he put first things first. *Music* and dancing are what count. If you want to see brilliant choreography beautifully danced to good music, do not miss them.

To begin Monday night's opening programme, we had the first London showing of *Divertimento No 15*. It is an indication of the sheer generosity of Balanchine's genius *that*, when nobody could remember the excellent ballet he first made to this music (given in the company's early seasons under the title *Caracole*), he made up another, even better, like a chef who improves on a favourite recipe.

Because the music is by Mozart (K287, played with spirit and style by the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet Orchestra under Robert Irving), the mood is light, relaxed, elegant, with plenty of feeling to enliven the formal dances for five women soloists, three men and eight other women. It would be a sad soul who could not enjoy the *Andante*, with its contrasts of duet style for constantly changing combinations of dancers, or who failed to smile at the exuberant fun of the entry for Sean Lavery and two women in the finale.

The solos to the Theme and Variations showed how young soloists who were just beginning to make their mark on the company's last visit, four years ago, *such as Stephanie Saland*, or who were still in the corps de ballet but already noticeable, like Maria Calegari, have grown to match the meticulous skill of Merill Ashley; and the group dancing in the Minuet demonstrated *that there is more talent* on the way.

Jerome Robbins's *Glass Pieces*, another London première, showed more of the new *dancers as its soloists* for the first section, "Rubric", and set the cool, poised Calegari against Bart Cook's *authoritative* reserve in the second, "Façades". The ballet's title is an allusion to its composer, Philip Glass, the thinking man's pop mu*sician, and I found the live* performance of his scores infinitely more persuasive than any recording in bringing out the invention, flair and fun of the music.

What Robbins has done is to construct a hi-tech set of dances that adopt some of the mannerisms of minimalist choreography without really following its principles, thus side-stepping both its potential and its limitations (which would not suit these dancers anyway) in favour of his own immense skills as a choreographic entertainer.

The corps during the first two sections walk briskly or slowly about as a background to some brief exuberant solos or a slow duet in imitation of bas-relief. Then in the long finale, to part of "Akhnaten", *they themselves* provide the brisk dance interest. I was reminded of a host of sources, from Nijinsky's *Faune* to Balanchine's *Bugaku*, neatly welded into the choreographic structure, and of course Robbins's own past works: not only *jazz ballets like N.Y. Export* and *West Side Story*, but even the long-forgotten *Age of Anxiety*.

The programme ended with Symphony in C, Balanchine's celebration of the glories of classic dance to Bizet's music, this time with Hugo Fiorati *conducting in fine style*. The company always had good ballerinas to lead its four movements, and men of some skill and personality to partner them, but the strength right the way through the ranks is what *impresses now, so that the final* Allegro Vivace builds to a tremendously exhilarating climax as wave after wave of dancers enter to swell the dance crescendos.

All the same, young Melinda Roy and Judith Fugate deserve a special mention for their dancing in the third and fourth movements respectively while nothing less than an awed sigh *will serve as tribute* to Suzanne Farrell's amazingly personal, capricious and wholly absorbing account with Peter Martins of the Adagio. This is not just interpretation, but creative performance by great artists.

John Percival

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MARKET REPORT

Tax fears cancel gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 15. Dealings end, Sept 2. Contango Day, Sept 5. Settlement Day, Sept 12.

The stock market was knocked back sharply yesterday. Traders had been nervously awaiting a downward reaction to the last 10 days of consistent strength and the slightest suggestion that the Government might introduce tax increases next year was enough to trigger widespread profit-taking.

Adding to the nervousness was speculation that **London Investment Trust has liquidated** the investment potfolio of recently-acquired British Industries and General Investment Trust. The offer went unconditional on Monday and the offer document did specify that the trust would be liquidated in "due course".

These two factors helped to push the *FT* 30 index down 16.4 by the close to 724, which effectively wiped out the gains of the last 10 days.

The market may have exaggerated the effect of the investment trust liquidation, according to the London Investment Trust chairman Mr John Arthur who added that the portfolio was worth only around £12m. He refused to confirm if the liquidation had taken place yesterday saying: "We do not want to let the jobbers know what we are doing."

The jobbers were also caught short by the easier opening of Wall Street when American investors began selling some of the British stock they have been so regularly buying.

The worst affected was **Glaxo** where the price was severely cut by 65p to 800p in an attempt to curb American sales. Dealers suggested that jobbers had been cought short on their arbitrage positions, expecting American demand to continue taking US holdings over the 20 per cent level, and could not handle the volume of sales that materialized.

ICI, where US investers hold more than 8 per cent of the equity was similarly struck with a loss of 18p at 522p, by the close.

That reaction triggered nervousness in other leading blue chips where falls of up to 15p were registered.

Construction company **Blue Circle** resisted the trend by rising 8p to 453p ahead of tomorrow's interim figures. Despite reporting slightly better-than-expected figures yesterday, **Taylor Woodrow** still disappointed and profit-takers moved in, clipping the price 5p to 545p.

Investors are picking up suggestions that Debenhams will make bumper profits this year. October figures should be £13m above last year's £20.9m without American property deals. A sharp rise in total dividend is also on the cards. Debenham's price closed a penny easier at 129p yesterday, but has been down to 89p this year.

Defence shares, camr in for heavy selling with sector leader **Racal** falling 12p to 477p. **Tarmac** jumped to 428p as the company denied speculation that it was in the mret to acquire **London Brick** if it does not g-ahead with its own bid for **Ibstock Johnsen**.

Video company **Electronic Rentals** held its 69p peak after some hefty purchases of the shares on Monday. Conglomerate **BET** – the old British Electric Traction – has been a big buyer of the Electronic shares, Mr Nicholas Wills, managing director, confirmed. He, however, refused to disclose the quantity saying: "Obivously we have not reached 5 per cent otherwise we would have declared it".

Mr Wills also confirmed the company's intention to sell its 5 per cent stake in the North Sea Maureen oil field. Analysts' suggestions that BET was expecting around £45m "were nowhere near the real price," he said.

Mr Wills said that BET, despite the massive increase in funding for its own video hire operation, would not be bidding for Electronic Rentals. But he said that BET was on the takeover trail, both in Britain and the United States, adding that he expected the video hire business to begin contributing substantial profit next year.

A deterrent to any bid for Electronic is the 25.27 per cent stake held by Philips Electronics, the British subsidiary of the Dutch Philips Lamps Holding.

On the bid front **Pritchard Services** dipped 8p to 138p following the profit figures and rights issue to finance the purchase of troubled cleaning group **Spring Grove**, down 2 2/2p. **BPCC** attracted demand at 110p up 4p, as a substantial holding in **John Waddington** is expected to be announced today.

Bellair dipped another 70p to 500p on the lack of any information from **Wasskon Establishment**. Wasskon lawyers say they are now working on an offer document for **Harold Ingram**, suspended at 300p, which will be posted shortly. Hopefully Wasskon will disclose information about itself and its intentions in the document.

Wayne Lintott

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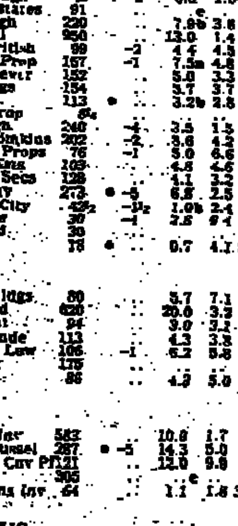

Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) August 23	Market rates (close) August 23	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.5225-1.5385	$1.5285-1.5295	0.04-0.09c disc.	0.15-0.20c disc.
Montreal	$1.8770-1.8940	$1.8815-1.8825	0.06prem-0.04c disc.	0.17-0.07c prem
Amsterdam	4.47½-4.50½fl	4.48-4.49fl	1½-1c prem	4¼-3¾c prem
Brussels	80.25-80.65f	80.55-80.65f	10c prem-par	18-8c prem
Copenhagen	14.43-14.51k	14.47-14.48k	220-115ore disc	620-510ore disc
Dublin	1.2700-1.2780p	1.2748-1.2755p	36-45p disc	107-120
Frankfurt	4.00-4.03m	4.02-4.03m	1¾-1½pf prem	4½-4pf prem
Lisbon	185.00-187.00e	185.25-185.75e	159-433c disc	478-1191c disc
Madrid	226.50-228.25p	227.00-227.20p	330-15c disc	1135-1451c disc
Milan	2384-2400lr	2395-2397lr	15½-17½lr disc	45½-48½lr disc
Oslo	11.24-11.31k	11.26-11.27k	235-305ore disc	785-860ore disc
Paris	12.04½-12.14½f	12.11-12.12f	3-4c disc	13-15c disc
Stockholm	11.85-11.93k	11.88½-11.89½k	175-30ore prem	420-485ore disc
Tokyo	369-373y	371½-372½y	1.00-0.85y prem	2.85-2.65y prem
Vienna	28.05-28.30sch	28.18-28.23sch	10-8gro prem	30-25gro prem
Zurich	3.25-3.28f	3.27-3.28f	1½-1c prem	4¼-3¾c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was 85.7 down 0.1.

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9¾ Low 8

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Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9ⁱ¹⁄₃₂	2 months	9¹¹⁄₃₂
3 months	9½	3 months	9⁵⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	9½-9⁷⁄₁₆	1 month	10⅛
2 months	9¹⁵⁄₃₂-9¹³⁄₃₂	2 months	10⁵⁄₁₆
3 months	9½-9¹¹⁄₃₂	3 months	10
6 months	9⁷⁄₁₆-9½	6 months	10¼

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10-9¾	7 months	10¼-10
2 months	10-9¾	8 months	10¼-10
3 months	10¼-9⅞	9 months	10½-10¼
4 months	10⅛-10	10 months	10½-10¼
5 months	10⅛-10	11 months	10½-10¼
6 months	10¼-10	12 months	10½-10¼

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	9½-9⁷⁄₁₆	6 months	9²⁷⁄₃₂-9²³⁄₃₂
3 months	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆	12 months	10³⁄₁₆-10⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9⅝	3 months	9⅞
7 days	9¾	6 months	10
1 month	9¾	1 year	10⅛

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 9		Close 13	
1 week	9½-9¼	6 months	10⅛-10
1 month	9⁹⁄₁₆-9⁷⁄₁₆	9 months	10⅛-10
3 months	9¹³⁄₁₆-9¹¹⁄₁₆	12 months	10½-10⅜

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 9¹³⁄₁₆ 6 months 10⅛

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Other Markets

Australia	1.7145-1.7295
Bahrein	0.5770-0.5800
Finland	8.6175-8.6575
Greece	137.13-139.15
Hongkong	11.3225-11.3825
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4465-0.4485
Malaysia	3.5705-3.6005
Mexico	215.00-240.00
New Zealand	2.3320-2.3420
Saudi Arabia	5.3270-5.3570
Singapore	3.2605-3.2905
South Africa	1.7015-1.7165

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.1985-1.1995
+ Canada	1.2308-1.2312
Netherlands	2.9430-2.9450
Belgium	52.65-52.70
Denmark	9.4650-9.4750
West Germany	2.6300-2.6315
Portugal	121.00-122.00
Spain	148.50-148.60
Italy	1565.5-1566.5
Norway	7.3700-7.3800
France	7.9150-7.9250
Sweden	7.7700-7.7800
Japan	243.05-243.25
Austria	18.47-18.48
Switzerland	2.1380-2.1390

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
+ Canada $1: US $0.8122-0.8125

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 9-10; seven days, 9¾-9⅝; one month, 9½-9⅜; three months, 9⅞-10; six months, 9¹⁵⁄₁₆-10³⁄₁₆.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $428.75 (an ounce) pm, $426.40 close, $425.25-426 (£278-278.50).
Krugerrand* (per coin): $438-439.5 (£286.25-287.50).
Sovereigns* (new): $100-101 (£65.25-66).
* Excludes VAT

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 724.0 down 16.4
FT Gilts: 79.67 down 0.15
FT All Share: 459.07 down 6.60
Bargains: 21,038
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 99.95 down 2.31
New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1194.21 down 8.94
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,169.08 down 34.67
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 993.14 down 7.09
Amsterdam: 151.5, down 1.7
Sydney: AO Index 694.4 up 3.7
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 937.20 down 2.90
Brussels: General Index 134.16 up 1.9
Paris: CAC Index 137.3 up 1.3
Zurich: SKA General 288.0 down 1.1

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.5290 unchanged
Index 85.7 down 0.1
DM 4.0250 down 0.0025
FrF 12.1150 up 0.0150
Yen 372 up 0.50
Dollar
Index 127.2 down 0.3
DM 2.6332
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.5265
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.567239
SDR £0.691968

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9½
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week fixed 9¼-9⅛
3 month interbank 9[13]/16-9[11]/16
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9⅞-10
3 month DM 5[5]/16-5[3]/16
3 month Fr F14⅜-14⅛
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9¼
Treasury long bond 103⅝-103¾
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period July 6 to 2 August 2, 1983 inclusive: 9.989 per cent.

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Interims: Blagden Industries, Charterhouse Petroleum, Derek Crouch, International Thomson Organisation, London Brick, Novo Industri, Pearl Assurance, Queens Moat Houses, Rotork, Slough Estates, Tilley International.

Economic statistics: Balance of payments, current account and overseas trade figures (July). Construction: new orders (June).

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Arlington Motor Holdings, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, EC2 (noon)
Philip Harris (Holdings), Penns Hall Hotel, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, W Midlands (noon)

NOTEBOOK

De Beers disappointed the market yesterday by announcing unchanged interim net profits of Rand 257m (£138m). Sales on the diamond account rose by almost a half to R159m, but earnings from associated companies were lower and the tax charge was higher. The dividend was held at 12.5 cents and the shares fell from $10[7]/16 to $9[15]/16.

Interim results from Hongkong & Shanghai Bank and Standard Chartered were both affected by the Hongkong property crash. Nevertheless, the former's pretax profits went up by 8.6 per cent to HK$964m (£85m), while the latter's were £15m higher at £116m. Standard Chartered's loss provisions nearly doubled to £60m.

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● **London Brick** is expected to decide today whether to make a new takeover bid for Ibstock Johnsen, the Leicester brickmaker.

The company was given clearance by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to renew its bid last week, but it cast doubts in the City that it would go ahead by describing Ibstock as looking "expensive".

We have nothing to fear, says Lonrho director

Parkinson orders inquiry into share ownership at House of Fraser

By Philip Robinson

The Government last night launched an investigation into whether House of Fraser shareholders have been making secret agreements between themselves on how to vote with their holdings.

This is the first time a government inspector has been appointed to check such deals, and the move comes amid the complex, long-running battle between the Fraser board and Lonrho, its largest shareholder, about floating off Harrods.

The investigation will be conducted by Mr John Griffiths, a former attorney-general for Hongkong. He was appointed by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, after Mr Parkinson received confidential information from the House of Fraser. Mr Griffiths has the power to seize documents and compel witnesses to give information.

Secret shareholder-agreements – "concert parties" – are outlawed in the 1981 Companies Act. A concert party is the name given to two or more individuals (or companies) who buy shares separately in one company, having already agreed to use them as one holding at a later date. On indictment, the practice carries an unlimited fine and/or two years imprisonment.

The request for an investigation comes after almost 7.8 million Fraser shares changed hands in mid-June, between the two meetings on which the Harrods demerger issue was put to the vote.

The first vote on demerger, on May 6, was won by the Fraser board with a 1.8 million majority. Lonhro insisted that a second vote should take place: it was staged on June 30 and the Fraser board lost by 5 million votes.

At the time, Professor Smith mentioned the share changes, pointing out the accumulation in a few foreign holdings of a large number of shares. He said: "I do not regard the issue as dead".

He was taken to mean that the board would ask for a government inquiry into the share purchases.

Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director who also acts as one of its two representatives on the House of Fraser board, said last night: "We have nothing to fear from this investigation. It is a pity it has happened because its another confusion for the long-suffering shareholder."

Lonrho is at present locked in a legal battle with the House of Fraser. It has issued a writ demanding to see the proxy papers and voting forms cast on the demerger votes.

Another difference between the two sets of directors centres around a possible new contract for Professor Roland Smith, the Fraser chairman. He will decide tomorrow whether to sign a new agreement giving him a 60 per cent salary increase at £80,000-a-year for two years. Lonrho has said it will object to this contract.

The appointment of an inspector is the latest twist in the five-year battle between Fraser and Lonrho. After Lonrho's £200m takeover bid for Fraser in 1981 – which was vetoed by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission – the company gave the Trade Secretary a list of undertakings, in effect promising not to increase its influence over Fraser by buying any further shares.

Kuwaitis cut Lonrho holding

Gulf Fisheries (Overseas) one of the investment vehicles of Sheikh Nasser al Sabah of Kuwait, yesterday sold 2 million shares in Lonrho. It is believed that the new block went to one buyer at a price close to yesterday's 109p close.

Gulf used to be Lonrho's largest shareholder, with two represenatives on the board. But after a rift in the late 11970s the two Gulf representatives departed. Since then the company has been critical of Lonrho's financial performance.

In 1980 it sold 8.8 million Lonrho shares to which it had rights under a Lonrho new share issue.

That sale reduced its percentage stake below the 17 per cent it had held for some years.

Yesterday's sale still leaves Gulf Fisheries with 37.5 million shares.

Mr Thomas Fergnson, Gulf's London representative, confirmed the sale. He said: "We thought we would take advantage of Lonrho's buoyant price. It is also part of a general strategy.

"There are more attractive investment opportunities in the US at the moment."

Whitehall spending fear hits market

By Our Financial Staff

The Stock market fell back sharply yesterday, effectively wiping out all the gains registered over the last 10 days when several peaks were reached.

By the close the FT 30 index had slumped 16.4 at 724, the level it had reached before the present upward move began.

Despite being called "rubbish" by leading Gilt-edged dealers, TV news suggestions that the Chancellor might increase taxes next year to fund heavier Government spending was all that was needed to trigger widespread profit-taking.

Traders, already nervous over the market's ability to sustain the recent strength, coupled with an easier Wall Street overnight, pushed leading shares down by as much as 15p.

Pharmaceutical group Glaxo was hardest hit with a severe drop of 65p to close at 800p as jobbers cut the price to curb US selling.

Government Stocks managed to keep falls within 50p, thanks to diminished fears of any interest rate increases and the recent success of the Government's funding programme.

In foreign exchange markets the dollar came under further pressure yesterday because of expectations that the better trend in money supply would at least delay any further rise in American interest rates.

The dollar opened sharply lower at DM 2.6180 but it recovered ground on profit-taking later in the day and closed at DM 2.6332.

Sterling was strong initially hitting $1.5375 but profit-taking and a large commercial selling order clipped it back. Sterling closed unchanged at $1.5290

There is growing optimism in some quarters that British interest rates will fall this year if sterling remains firm.

Capel-Cure Myers in its latest Economic Review say the course of British interest rates is still downwards although the trend may be bumpy, Capel-Cure argues that the Government will allow bank base rates to fall by the end of the year because of the weakening recovery in the economy.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research, which previously produced the most pessimistic inflation estimate of the main forecasting groups, now believes that inflation may be about 5.5 per cent by he end of the year against the 7.9 per cent it predicted in February.

However, in its latest Economic Review, the National Institute estimates that economic growth will fall back to one per cent in the next 18 months and that inflation will accelerate to perhaps 7-8 per cent by the end of 1984.

Share losses widen

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Stocks slowly widened their losses in quiet trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones Industrial average was off about 8 points at 1,195. It was down about 6 points during the morning.

Declines were about 2-to-1 ahead of advances while trading was behind Monday's moderate pace.

General Electric was up 1/8 at 47 3/8; General Motors was off 1/4 at 67; International Business Machines down 1 1/2 to 119 3/4; NCR down 2 1/4 at 109 3/4; Continental Group up

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7/8, at 42 1/2; Diebold down 3 1/4 to 82 1/4; General Dynamics off 1 5/8 at 49 3/8; American Cyanamid up 1/4 at 54 1/2; and Burlington Northern up 1/8 at 86 3/8.

Data General was trading at 65 1/8 off 2 3/8; International Rectifier 37 1/4 up 2 1/2; Sedco 44 5/8 down 1 3/4; Coleco 36 1/8 up 1/8; Hammermill Paper 41 1/4 up 1; International Paper 53 off 1/4; Raytheon 48 1/2 off 1 3/8; and American Telephone & Telegraph 65 1/4 up 1/4.

Maxwell to claim 45% acceptances

By Our Financial Staff

British Printing & Communication Corporation was light night believed to have won control of 45 per cent of John Waddington's shares at the first closing date of its £18m bid for the Monopoly games company.

BPCC's offer closed yesterday afternoon leaving the company's advisers urgently chasing institutional shareholders to win the crucial additional six per cent of Waddington shares needed to clinch the fiercely contested takeover attempt.

Mr Robert Maxwell, BPCC chairman, said that he would make an announcement to the Stock Exchange at 9.30 this morning to confirm the level of acceptances for his takeover terms of 13 BPCC shares for every five Waddington shares, or 249.6p cash a share.

He said that although he could not reveal details of the acceptances before today he was "very confident" about winning control of Waddington.

Last night BPCC's shares were up 4p at 110p, while Waddington shares were also up by 4p at 242p.

BPCC now looks certain to extend its paper terms for Waddington shares for another two weeks,

In spite of confident noises from the BPCC camp, Waddington's advisers were still adamant that they would be able to fight off the takeover attempt.

Two key shareholders in Waddington Britannic Assurance and the M & G Unit Trust with 20 per cent of Waddington's were appraoched by Mr Maxwell's advisers, but decided to remain loyal to the Waddington management

In a statement to shareholders last week, Waddington said that shareholders representing 46.2 per cent of the company's share capital had indicated that they did not intend to accept the BPCC offer.

Mr Maxwell contested this claim and said that he was aware only that the Britannic and M & G intended to reject his takeover offer.

Pritchard in agreed Spring Grove bid

By Jeremy Warner

Pritchard Services Group
Half-year to 3.7.83
Pretax profit £4.8m (£4m)
Stated profit 3.32p (2.8p)
Turnover £140.2m (£129.9m)
Net interim dividend 1p (0.9p)
Share price 138p down 8p.
Yield 3.1%

Pritchard Services yesterday revealed itself as one of the suitors for Spring Grove, the troubled Henley-based workwear and laundry group, with an agreed share bid worth £16m.

At the same time it launched a cash call on shareholders for £24.4m by offering rights to one new share at 120p for every four shares held.

Spring Grove has been in talks with several companies for some months and director Mr Kenneth Thompson, who is also a director of Charterhouse Group, the company's dominant shareholder, conceded that it would have been "difficult for Spring Grove to have continued as an independent company."

The groups ran into difficulties after acquiring the St George's laundry company

Pritchard: had planned rights issue

Its acquisition by Pritchard, a big London based hospital management and office cleaning group, would add about £14m of borrowings to Pritchard's already heavily borrowed balance sheet.

But Mr Peter Pritchard, the chairman, denied that the rights issue was a direct consequence of the takeover. "We were planning the rights issue to help with expansion before we thought of buying Spring Grove.," he said.

Pritchard is offering seven of its shares for every 20 Spring Grove shares to put a value of 48.5p on each.

Murdoch raises stake in Reuters

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation has further increased its indirect stake in Reiters, the booming but unquoted financial information service, which stockbrokers believe would be worth £1b on the Stock Exchange.

News Corporation has raised its interest in the Australian Associated Press from 5.6 per cent to 12 per cent in a deal with AAP's two major shareholders, the Fairfax newspaper chain and the Herald and Weekly Times group.

AAP holds a 13.7 per cent stake in Reuters, giving the Murdoch Group 1.6 percent in Reuters from this source.

The chief Murdoch interest in Reuters in the 9 per cent attributable to News International, owners of *The Sun*, *News of the World* and Times Newspapers, which is held through Fleet Street's Newspaper Publishers Association.

News Corporation owns 88 per cent of News International after a recent offer to buy out minority shareholders.

The Australian deal is part of a reorganization of AAP which will separate its stake in Reuters from its operational news service, now formed into a new company in which News Corporation will hold 15 per cent.

The new structure allows shareholders in the original AAP to receive Reuter's dividends directly and could be a model for the NPA and British provincial newspaper interests, whose internal wranglings have so far prevented them from obtaining a market quotation for their shareholdings in Reuters.

Call for parity with Continent

BSC wants dock charges cut

By Andrew Cornelius

The British Steel Corporation is urging the Government and port authorities to reduce UK port charges by 60 per cent to bring them into line with those enjoyed by overseas competitors.

Mr Frank Holloway, managing director of supplies and transport at the corporation, said yesterday that excessive UK port charges added £5 per tonne to steel exported through British ports to deep sea destinations compared with steel exported through continental ports such as Antwerp, Hamburg and Rotterdam.

He said that the BSC had lost important contracts with Mexico and other potential foreign customers because of the charges.

The corporation has intensified its sales efforts overseas in an attempt to curb losses which are still running at £2m a week in spite of the big cutbacks in capacity by Mr Ian MacGregor, the outgoing chairman.

Until now the BSC's pleas for fairer charges for services including navigation lights, pilotage and similar port dues have fallen on deaf ears. But Mr Holloway said that he was determined to use BSC muscle as one of the UK's major exporters to try and win a change of heart.

The BSC exports about 2.5m tonnes of steel each year, which is about 30 per cent of its total liquid output. This costs about £10m ion charges, a figure which would be more than halved if UK ports matched continental rates.

Even within the UK there are great disparities in charges for the basic range of services which vessels have to use when they pass through a port.

The BSC uses 20 ports in the UK and every type of sea transport

In every instance its costs are higher than those on the continent. At Neport, which is run by Associated British Ports, (recently floated on the Stock Exchange) a vessel carrying a typical steel cargo of 25,000 tonnes incurs port charges of £43,388. This compares with £26,531 for the same vessel using ports run by the Tees and Hartlepool port authority and charges of £10,767 at Rotterdam.

Mr Holloway said one answer might be to reduce the number of UK ports so that the costs of providing services were cut.

Consideration should also be given to the system adopted on the continent where the Government, or local authority funded, the building of basic port infrastructure and left the port authorities to charge the true cost of services on a day-to-day basis.

Mr Holloway said that the increasing infranationalisation of steel business made it imperative that UK shipping costs were kept in line with those charged to its competitors.

City Editor's Comment

A chance to solve age old problems

An issue as important as pensions, which has far-reaching implications for the economy, for society and for the individual, should not be allowed to fall victim to vested interests.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, has called a pensions conference for September 14 to thrash out the future of state and occupational pensions.

If it is not to degenerate into another bunfight between on the one hand, the National Association of Pension Funds and the Confederation of British Industry, whose interests are largely to limit any costs to the employer, and on the other hand, the unions, where control of the vast resources of pension funds is the prime objective, then the organizers must tread carefully.

The conference will take the form of a seminar with invited speakers, followed by questions from the floor and will be open to the press.

But who among this gaggle of professionals dedicated to protecting their own interests, is to speak for the pension fund members? Few groups of professionals are more vocal, more incomprehensible or more at odds with each other than those who earn their living from the pensions industry.

How will the ordinary member of a pension scheme, the job-changer, the early retirers, the pensioners in retirement and those made compulsorily redundant, be heard above the baying of this articulate pack of hounds, all anxious to make sure that they are in at the kill?

There is no national organization representing job-changers or those made redundant. While the insurance companies which market self-employed pension schemes will no doubt make a good job of protecting the interests of this sector, there is little mileage for a pension consultant in telling his client that he ought to pay more to provide fair pensions for employees who have gone to work for another employer.

The Occupational Pensions Board has come up with an authoritative analysis and recommendations on the problems of job-changers (admittedly only one of the difficulties associated with pensions). When the shouting begins on September 14, let us hope these sound and impartial recommendations are ignored.

Appreciating oil assets

The mammoth Deloitte's report on British Gas Corporation's efficiency published yesterday will keep the politicians happy for weeks with its trenchant views on gas prices. For the City, however, one of its chief interests is the light that it sheds on the profitability of the corporation's North Sea oil assets, which are due to be privatized next year.

Buried away in the heart of the report is a table showing that BSC's oil assets made a net operating profit last year of £56.9m on total income of £119m.

The operating profit for the three previous years was (working backwards) £70.2m, £56.5m, and £46.9m, confirming what a nicely profitable business oil has been

Needless to say the figures are only a rough guide to what will appear in the prospectus, assuming that the oil assets are eventually floated

But, coupled with the corporation's own estimate that the oil assets will generate some £300m in net income over the next three years, forecasts that the package could be worth £300m to £400m in a floatation are beginning to look conservative – especially now that confidence has returned to the oil sector.

Taylor Woodrow hit by dividend tussle

By John Lawless

Taylor Woodrow
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £11.62m (£9.64m)
Stated earnings 20.1p (16.7p)
Turnover £317m (£287m)
Net interim dividend 5.5p
Share price 545 Yeild 5.1
Dividend payable 3.10.83

The most exciting thing about yesterday's half-time results from Taylor Woodrow was the little pantomime tussle that developed over the share price.

The petulant pixies – annoyed that profits. at £11.62m. were ahead of expectations, but that the dividend was held at 5.5p – immediately wiped 5p off the share price.

The good fairies – pointing out that very large companies heading for their 23rd consecutive year of increased profits may be boring, but are also few and far between – repaid the insult with 5p interest.

"I hope they won't be disappointed". Mr Richard Puttick, Taylor Woodrow chairman and chief executive, said midway through.

But they were - and Taylor Woodrow finished the day 5p off again at 545p.

Taylor Woodrow's strength – sufficient to achieve a 20 per cent increase in interim profits. on a turnover 10 per cent up at £317m – is its spread of activities and markets.

Recession hit Australia is making analysts nervous about companies with a heavy involvement there. But Mr Puttick reports only that contracting in Western Australia is "flat" and housing is "not very active", while farming has done "reasonably well."

Even where others have been extremely optimistic – about housing starts in the US, for example – Mr Puttick is cautious. "California has been very flat, but is now showing signs of improvement", he said. "Florida has been reasonably good."

Taylor Woodrow, however, is ahead this year in the UK and Canadian housing markets. The same is true in bigger construction work overseas, but that market in Britain is still pressurised by extremely keen prices.

Stoddard cuts loss in second half

By Our Financial Staff

Stoddard Holdings P.L.C.
Year to 31.3.1983
Pretax loss £1.14m (£2.25m loss)
Turnover £32.6m (£35m)
Dividend payable none (same)
Loss per share 10.7p (17.7p)

Stoddard Holdings, the troubled Scottish carpet manufacturers, has reported a £1.14m loss, compared with £2.25m for the previous year.

But Mr Gordon Hay, chairman, said he was not disappointed at the results because losses of more than £1m in the first half were trimmed to £122,000 in the second half.

Mr Hay appointed in January with a three-year timetable of reforms for the ailing company, was nominated by the Scottish Development Agency. The agency took a 15 per cent stake in the company which is still controlled by the McLean family – Sir Robert McLean is now honorary president.

A £2.6m rights issue half way through the year brought gearing down from 80 per cent to 50 per cent. But bank borrowing and overdraft charges for the whole year totalled £776,000, only slightly down on the previous year.

"They will be substantially down this year," said Mr Hay. Borrowings have fallen to £4.3m and properties which are being sold are expected to raise nearly £1m.

Installation of a computer lead to 70 administrative staff becoming redundant and a further 110 workers elsewhere in the company were laid off.

Extra debt of £1.8m was incurred by closures and reorganization.

The company maintained two sales forces – the result of the merger with the Gutherie Corportation three years ago – but these have now been amalgamated.

Mr Hay, who is being paid £39,500 a year for his part-time five year contract, thought a dividend might be in prospect by the end of next year.

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De Beers problems far from over

DE BEERS
Half-year to 30-6-83
Net profit R275m (R258m)
Stated earnings 66.7 cents (70.3 cents)
Net interim dividend 12.5 cents
Share price $9 15/16 Yield 3.3%
Dividend payable 3.11.83

DE BEERS SHARE PRICE
RELATIVE TO FT/A ALL SHARE INDEX
DATASTREAM
700 650 600 550 500 450 400 350 300 250
SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG

After the trials and tribulations through which De Beers has passed, maintaining profits at last year's level may not seem so bad, But the contrast between the profits on the diamond account, which increased by half to R159m (£84.1m), and unchanged overall net profits suggests that the diamond producer's problems are far from over.

To some extent, the next figure is deceptive because the increase in taxation from R37.8m to R65.2m partly reflects the slowdown in capital expenditure. De Beers has virtually completed the programme which has taken intalled capacity from 10.5 million carats a year to 19 million carats since 1976.

Since most of this spending was offset against the diamond account, it was inevitable that much higher taxation would result.

But even the higher diamond account figures indicate some problems. Sales volume is clearly moving upwards, but it is still largely the lower-margin stones which are popular. Demand for stones of more than 1 carat remains weak.

This in turn implies that a good deal of the extra sales must be supplied from contemporaneous mine output rather than from the enormous stockpile. Too many stones in that stockpile are varieties which do not sell at present.

The likelihood, therefore, is that the stockpile has not diminished since the end of last year when it was valued at around R1,800m.

Much will depend on how the sights next week and next month proceed. These set the tone of the market by laying in supplies for Christmas. So if they are disappointing, De Beers will not enjoy the second half.

On present showing the company could come out a little ahead of last year's R447 net profit, but the failure of interest rates to fall further and the probability of high tax charges will block a sizeable increase in profits.

Another factor militating against De Beers is the poor performance of the associates – Minorco, Anglo American Industrial, and Anglo itself. The share of retained profits from associates fell steeply from R152m to R93m.

Shareholders should consider excluding associates rose by 12.7 cents to 40.7 cents, and earnings including the associates fell slightly from 70.3 cents to 66.7 cents.

Hongkong

Standard Chartered
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £116.2m (£100.9m)
Stated earnings 13.9p (10.3)
Net interim/dividend 9.5p (9.2p)
Share price 474p, down 20p
Dividend payable 7.10.83

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank
Half-year to 30.6.83
Attributable profit HK$964m (HK$888m)
Stated earnings HK$0.42 (HK$0.39)
Net interim dividend HK$0.18 (HK$0.164)
Share price 70p, up 1p
Dividend payable 7.10.83

The property crash in Hongkong has taken its toll on both Standard Chartered and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in the first half of 1983.

Standard Chartered, although its direct exposure to Hongkong property is small, has had to make some hefty provisions against manufacturing customers who turn out to have been speculating in the property market.

Together with some big provisions against British corporate customers in the Midlands, this explains why the half-year results are rather disappointing, with pretax profits up from £101m to £116m, including £5m of currency gains.

Provisions of £60m were nearly double the level in the first half of 1982.

However this trend is likely to prove misleading and Standard Chartered expects the total bad debt provision for this year to be about £90m, implying a big drop in the second half.

The main profit centre, South Africa, has done well – although down on the exceptional second half of 1982 – as has the Californian subsidiary and British treasury and consumer credit operations. The operations in the East have not fared so well.

This is also evident from Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's results. Net attributable profits have risen by 8.6 per cent to HK$964m (£85m) which was slightly better than many expected. But the bank has benefited from the very strong performance in Hongkong dollar terms of its US subsidiary Marine Midland, and it may well have been drawing on its secret reserves in order to flatter the profit trend.

Lasmo

London and Scottish Marine Oil
Half-year to 30.6.1983
Pretax profit £51.7m (£64.2m)
Stated earnings 20.9p p(28.5p)
Turnover £122.1m (£116m)
Net interim dividend 4.5p p4.5p
Share price 358p

Oil companies involved in the exploration business inevitably have exploration costs. These by the nature of the industry are substantial and only recoverable if the expertise of the company's geologists is proved.

London and Scottish Marine Oil (Lasmo) is such a company. It derives its income from the oil it sells from the wells that it, and its consortium partners, drill and bring into production. Refining and marketing operations cannot be used to spread the financial load.

So the Lasmo announcemant yesterday that its interim figures include writing-off £24.3m in the first six months of its financial year – up by £19.9m over the same period a year before – should be viewed in that light.

Half-year profits of £17.8m after tax on sales of £122.1m compare with figures for the ame period a year ago of £22m profits on sales of £116m.

The dividend remains static at 4.5p, although there are a third more shares after the rights issue in March.

Against those exploration costs should be put exceptional revenues of £10.6m from the company's redetermination of its stake in the North Sea's Ninian field.

However, as an exploration company Lasmo would seem to be on the right track. It has substantial holdings in several Indonesian oil fields which come to proaction shortly and start contributing profits half way through next year.

Lasmo's nose for oil would seem to be in sound shape. In the first half of this year the company has participated in 50 wells with only six of them dry.

Present oil prices mean that probably just a handful of these wells would ever be worth bringing into production. Lasmo is therefore finely geared to the oil price.

US crime pays for Hawley

By Our Financial Staff

Electro-Protective
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit $3.4m (£$1.9m)
Stated earnings 10.3 cents (6.7 cents)
Turnover $25.7m ($10.6m)
Net interim dividend 0.6 cents (0.5 cents)
Share price 173p, down 10p

Crime in the United States shows no sign of abating and Electro-Protective, the security subsidiary of Mr Michael Ashcroft's Hawley Group, is reaping big rewards.

The large growth in profits in the first half reflects Electro-Protective's heavy acquisition programme since Hawley bought its controlling stake two years ago. In sterling terms, profits jumped from £1.24m to £2.2m.

Analysts had hoped for a bigger contribution from the new acquisitions in the first half, and the shares were trimmed back 10p to 173p. But profit growth should accelerate in the second half, with more than £5m possible for the year.

Electro-Protective, which was Hawley's first US acquisition, is already quoted in London but is expected to have a US quote soon, possibly via Mr Ashcroft's new Canadian shell company, Midepsa.

More Electro-Protective acquisitions are likely in the second half, but the company's borrowings are insignificant and it is unlikely to ask shareholders for more cash, having launched a £10m rights issue in April.

The latest acquisitions were Alarm Supply Company in February and Sonitrol in April.

Since the rights issue, Hawley has had a 50.02 per cent stake in the company.

Electro-Protective specializes in "central station" alarm systems which allow a single operator to monitor several buildings using alarms linked by telephone lines. It also manufactures security equipment, which may soon be sold in Britain where margins are higher.

Electro-Protective's services have 27,000 subscribers, up from 20,000 six months ago, and 19 stations.

Hawley, Mr Ashcroft's master company, reports its results today.

Rentokil recovers in US

By Jonathan Clare

Rentokil
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £9.4m (£8m)
Stated earnings 2.69p (1.99p)
Turnover £30.4m (£29.3m)
Net dividend 0.675p adj for scrip (0.6p adj).
Share price 137p down 1p

Rentokil's American business is breaking even after two years of effort by its new management to stem losses and point it in the right direction in that midst of the US recession.

Rentokil tried to set up a copycat version of its British pest control service in the eastern US. But unlike the British situation, domestic business in the US is more important than commercial business.

The US should see further improvement in the second half which takes in the historically better summer months.

Overall profits were sharply ahead both in Britain and overseas. British results benefited from the absence of the security company's losses after its disposal last year.

But the foam-cavity insulation market has shrunk greatly with less interest in energy costs. The insulation business should become profitable once underused properties are disposed of. British profits increased from £5.7m to £6.4m.

Overseas profits, which increased from £2.3m to £3m, benefited from the eradication of American losses and the weaker pound. Australia also improved after poor results last year, but South Africa and New Zealand were down.

Gross margins on the British business are greater than overseas (with the exception of the Netherlands) because Rentokil has denser coverage – which means increased efficiency in Britain.

Group profits this year could be up to £21m, say analysts.

Shell and Exxon win China Sea contract

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Shell and Exxon have become the third consortium to be awarded a contract by the Chinese Government to drill for oil in what is being described as "the next North Sea".

BP, as well as a group led by Occidental, which includes Britain's Tricentrol, have already been given leave to explore in the Pearl River Basin of the South China Sea, near Hongkong.

The agreement with Shell and Exxon, signed this week in Peking, completes negotiations which have been going on since 1978. Permission has been given for the exploration and possible production in two blocks covering an area more than 2,000 square miles. Seismic studies will begin soon, with the first wells being drilled early next year.

The South China Sea is regarded in the industry as the last in the possible offshore oilfields. French and Japanese companies are also expected to sign exploration agreements with the Chinese.

World fair chief bankrupt

Knoxville, Tennessee, (Reuter), Mr Jake Butcher a banker and politician who organiszed last year's Knoxville World's Fair was declared bankrupt yesterday after the collapse of the banking empire he and his brother controlled.

This means Mr Butcher's assets can be sold to pay his debts, estimated at $14.5m (about £9.29m).

Mr Butcher's United American Bank of Knoxville was declared insolvent and sold in February because of loan losses estimated at between $40m and $50m.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Ingersoll-Rand
Year to 31.12.83
Pretax profit £5.8m (£5.3m)

Phoenix Properties & Finance
Half-year to 31.3.83
Pretax profit £122,000 (£22,000)
Stated earnings 1.3p (0.3p)
Net interim/dividend none
Share price 43p up 1p

Fife Indmar
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £403,000 (£397,000)
Stated earnings 10.8p (10.7p)
Turover £6.7m (£6.6m)
Net interim/dividend 1.4p (1.3p)
Share price 143p up 2p. Yield 6.3%

Copydex
Half-year to 30.6.83
Trading profit £363,000 (£37,000)
Stated earnings 5.91p (1.21p)
Turnover £4.2m (£3.5m)
Net interim dividend 2.25p (nil)
Share price 92p up 23p. Yield 3.9%

First Scottish American Trust
Half-year to 31.7.83
Net profit £797,000 (£882,000)
Stated earnings 2.47p (2.75p)
Net interim dividend 1.4p (same)
Share price 197p down 1p. Yield 3.7%

George Ingham
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £100,000 (£52,000)
Stated earnings 4.8p (2.5p)
Turnover £2.1m (£2.1m)
Net interim dividend 0.5p (0.25p)

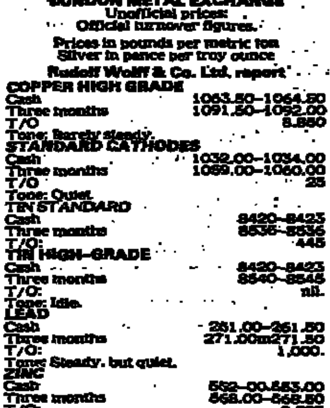
Smith Whitworth
Year to 31.3.83
Pretax profit £3,000 (loss £300,000)
Stated earnings 0.001p (loss 7.47p)
Turnover £1.9m (£1.6m)
Net dividend None (same)
Share price 16p up 1p

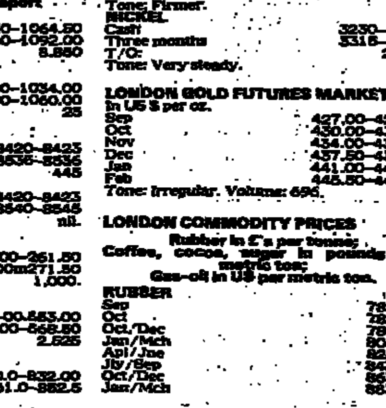
Apex Properties
Year to 31.3.83
Pretax profit £600,000m (£626,000)
Stated earnings 3.93p (2.82p)
Turnover £1.1m (£1.1m)
Net dividend 2p (same)
Share price 96p down 5p yield 3

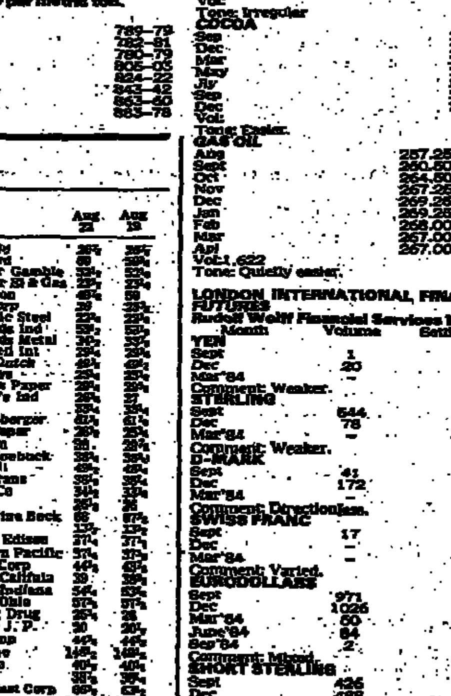
Jos Holdings
Year to 31.7.83
Pretax income £362,000 (£296,000)
Stated earnings 3.03p (2.92p)
Net dividend 3p (2.88p)
Share price 94p unchanged Yield 4.4%

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report







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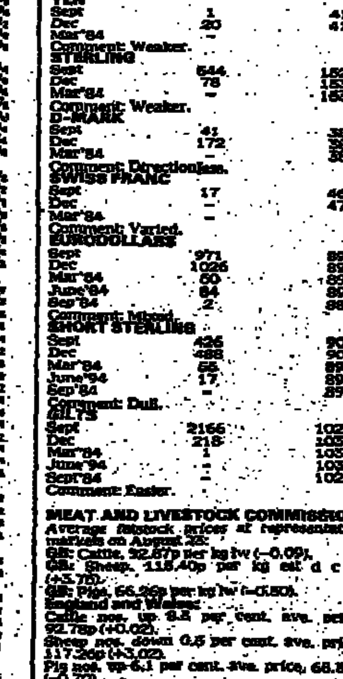
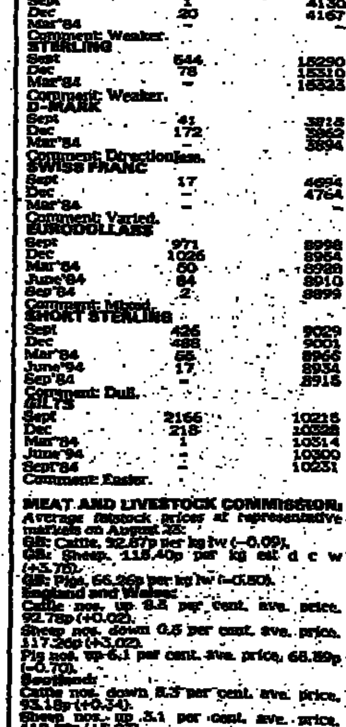
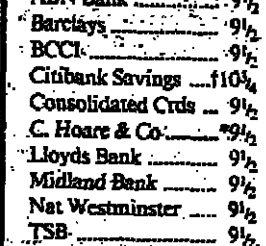




Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9½ %
Barclays	9½ %
BCCI	9½ %
Citibank Savings	†10¾ %
Consolidated Crds	9½ %
C. Hoare & Co	*9½ %
Lloyds Bank	9½ %
Midland Bank	9½ %
Nat Westminster	9½ %
TSB	9½ %
Williams & Glyn's	9½ %

† Mortgage Base Rate.



Privatization – 2: Jeremy Warner on the dilemma facing hospitals

Companies who aim to clean up in the health service

When the share price of Brengreen, a small city-based office and street cleaning group, breached the £1m barrier for the first time, more than a few eyebrows were raised in surprise at the Stock Exchange nearby.

Brengreen has become one of the most highly rated shares in the market selling at a staggering 30 times likely 1983 earnings – the sort of valuation normally attached only to companies at the forefront of technology. Mrs Mop had joined the micro-chip.

The secret ingredient is privatization. The National Health Service will this year spend nearly £3bn of its £15.5bn budget on ancillary services such as catering, laundry, cleaning, porters and maintenance.

If only a fifth of that sum were eventually to be contracted out to the private sector, it would roughly double the turnover of what is still a fairly small industry.

Add to this the cleaning work that local authorities are expected to put out to the private sector for schools, colleges, streets and refuse collection, and it is not difficult to see why the services industry is anticipating a bonanza over the next five years.

The popularity of the sector on the stock market was graphically illustrated yesterday when, after a shoal of rumours about the future of the Spring Grove group, best known for industrial towel supply, Pritchard Services launched an agreed share for share takeover bid worth £16.8m.

Spring Grove was the weak man of the industrial service bid after an ill-conceived acquisition went wrong. But in a popular sector, where other mergers have been stymied by the Monopolies Commission, Pritchard was able to back up its takeover with a rights issue to its own shareholders calling for £23.4m in new capital for expansion of the combined group and justified its confidence with results for the half-year to July 3 showing a 20 per cent rise in pretax profits from £4m to £4.8m.

Recommendation to put work out to tender may be quietly ignored

The share prices of anything to do with cleaning or laundry have, as a consequence, been riding the crest of a wave over the past 12 months. The sector as a whole has outperformed the rest of the market by more than 15 per cent. Within it, Brengreen, which has already managed to win around a half of the local authority refuse collection and street cleaning contracts, has been outstanding, outperforming the market by 67 per cent.

This has been followed by Initial, whose share price has done 31 per cent better than the market. Pritchard Services Group, whose image has been considerably damaged over the last month by the adverse publicity surrounding its London Borough of Wandsworth street cleaning and gardening contract, has still managed to stay 16 per cent ahead of the market.

The Department of Health and Social Security plans to issue a circular next month telling health authorities how to obtain tenders from the private sector and to compare them with in-house tenders.

The circular was to have gone out before the Parliamentary recess but was delayed. It will be the culmination of a process which began last February when Mr Norman Fowler, the then Social Services Secretary, said in the Commons that he would be asking hospitals to test the cost effectiveness of their ancillary services by putting them out to tender.

The private sector believes that it can undercut by a substantial margin the cost of in-house services while at the same time maintaining if not improving on quality. Mr David Evans, chairman of Brengreen, believes the health service could cut ancillary costs by up to 30 per cent by contracting out to the private sector.

If such claims are true, then the £150m the Government has chosen to lop off the health service budget pales into insignificance. This is the carrot the private sector is offering the Government in an attempt to get it to take a firmer lead on the contracting out issue.

Pilot shemes are being run by many regional health authorities to see what sort of savings can be achieved. Most of the big private companies which expect to obtain work from the Health Service, have been invited to tender for specific contracts as part of this, at present, largely academic exercise.

But there has also been a subtle shift in the way the Government has approached the contracting out issue since last February. There is a worry that to pay lip service to the Government's policy, reluctant health authorities would put out to tender only services where savings are most difficult or where the chances of the private sector doing an inadequate job are high.

The National Union of Public Employees has already collected evidence to show how services have deteriorated after being contracted out. So rather than just urging authorities to test the cost effectiveness of in-house work through the tender system, a more obvious financial squeeze is now being applied to the Health Service which will increasingly force authorities into contracting out as a method of savings.

However, for the privatization lobby, even this does not go far enough. The strong recommendation that the circular will contain to put contracts out to tender may still be quietly ignored by many districts either because they genuinely feel that contracting out does not give them the same quality control and discipline that in-house services do, or because they feel it is not worth the aggravation.

Hospital administrators regard their job as running a hospital, not waging what some see as a political battle with the unions.

Without legislation, the circular cannot make it compulsory for health authorities to put their contracts out to tender. Within Europe, this is a position unique to Britain. In every other EEC country, public authorities are obliged by law to put contracts out to tender.

If a significant number of contracts from each regional health authority do not go out to tender this autumn, the Government might be tempted to follow the legislative path. In April last year, the chairmen of all the 14 regional health authorities were either changed or reappointed but the type of Thatcher placemen the cynical mind might expect to find in these positions as a consequence, simply did not appear.

Nor will the political colour of a particular area – a crucial determinant in the decision to contract out local authority or school and college cleaning work – have much of an effect on the reluctance or otherwise of health districts to dip into the privatization issue. Politicians only fill four out of sixteen seats on each district health authority board.

There have already been several examples of contracting out in the health service since last February's statement in the Commons. But the big contracts which have gone to the private sector since then have been for new hospitals so the problem of replacing the in-house workforce did not occur.

The North Warwickshire District Health Authority has awarded a contract to supply laundry services to five public hospitals to Initial, the towels and workwear group. A contract to provide cleaning services for the Beckenham maternity hospital was awarded to a Danish-owned company called ISS Hospital Services but the existing in-house workforce involved only 17 people here.

The Wandsworth contracts have been nothing but trouble

It would be rash for the private sector to believe that any more than 35 hospitals out of 1,860 in England and Wales alone, will go out to competitive tender this autumn. These will be regarded as test cases on which the private sector's claims will stand or fall.

Less than a half of the health service, contracts put out to tender will result in work for the private sector if the experience of tendering for local authority street cleaning or refuge collection work is anything to go-by.

The competitive tender system is used by many local authorities as a big stick to beat down in-house costs and there is every reason to suppose the health service will use it in the same way.

Private sector companies achieve their lower costs by employing fewer people and by employing this generally ununionized labour more efficiently by changing the old working practices. According to Brengreen's Mr David Evans, considerable savings are also achieved by using modern equipment.

He says: "You can clean 10,000 sq ft an hour with a scrubber-dryer. At best you get 1,000 ft an hour from a mop and bucket. The health service will never spend money on scrubber-dryers because when it comes to equipment purchases, its priorities lie elsewhere."

The private sector achieves, according to the unions, lower costs by cutting corners. There is, almost by definition, a wealth of anecdotal evidence to back up either view point but the case that has grabbed the headlines of late adds some credibility to the union standpoint. The street cleaning and gardening contracts in Wandsworth have been nothing but trouble for Pritchard.

It privately admits to wishing that it had never tendered for them. The damage in public relations has been enormous. Since the contracts were awarded in February last year, several financial penalties have been awarded against Pritchard by public inspectors and the whole messy business has culminated in a long and acrimonious labour dispute.

Pritchard, which through its Crothall offshoot carries out work for about 36 public hospitals in Britain, four out of five where ancillary services are already contracted out, is in a prime position for winning further health service work and can realistically expect to get up to a half of all that is on offer.

It has considerable international experience in hospital management enabling it to offer a complete package of laundry catering and domestic services.

Other companies that hope to gain are Initial, Hawley Group through its Mediclean offshoot, Sketchley, Spring Grove, Johnson Group, Sunlight Services Group, whose Pall Mall Cleaning subsidiary has won a £1m two-year contract to clean 104 schools in Cambridgeshire, as well as hotel and catering companies like Grand Metropolitan.

Most have in the last six months set up special medical services subsidiaries if they did not have them already.

But if the experience of Pritchard in Wandsworth is anything to go by, contracting out of National Health Service work could be a messy business in which the rewards in the early years are small.

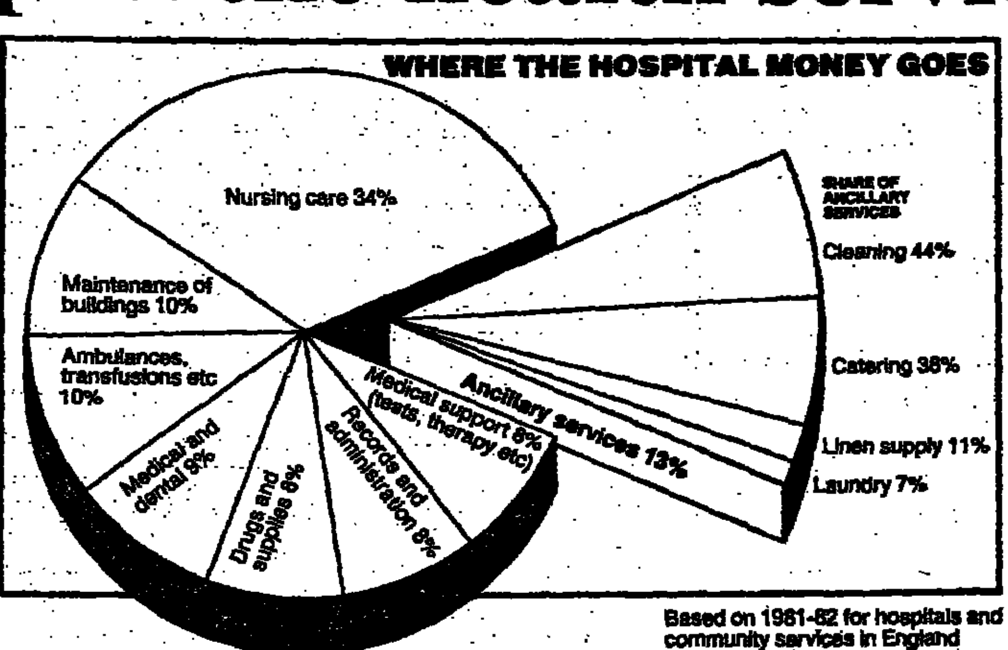
Mr Andrew Melrose, an investment analyst with the stock broking firm Grieveson Grant, says, "The whole sector has become frothy. Share prices at these levels are anticipating substantial benefits from privatization. But I think it will be a much longer and more acrimonious process than people in the City generally appreciate."

About 50 per cent of the money spent by the health service on domestic catering and laundry services, goes on cleaning, 42 per cent of catering, and 8 per cent on laundry.

It will be a brave district administrator who becomes the first to award the cleaning or porterage contract for an existing big city hospital to anything other than the in-house tender.

And it requires a great deal of faith in the Government's will to privatize to believe that the private sector will indeed be sitting on £500m of extra work from the health service in a few years.

Tomorrow: hard lessons of oil.



Based on 1981-82 for hospitals and community services in England

POSSIBLE CONTENDERS FOR CONTRACTS

	Market valuation
Advance Services	£24m
Brengreen	£42m
Initial	£263m
Johnson Group	£38m
Pritchard*	£111m
Sketchley	£75m
Spring Grove*	£16m
Sunlight Services	£20m
Total	£590m

*Before £23m Pritchard rights issue and agreed takeover of Spring Grove.

Financial notebook

Dollar build-up may lead to yet another burst bubble

Financial bubbles have long been a feature of investment markets in Britain and elsewhere. Periodically, market participants persuade themselves that a particular asset or investment activity presents inlimited prospects for financial gain, only to be faced with a savage reaction when it becomes apparent that market values have reached unsustainable levels.

The 1973-1975 secondary banking crisis in Britain (based on inflated property values), the gold boom of 1979-1980, the American experience with property investment trusts in the 1970s, and the more recent boom-to-bust syndrome in international lending are examples of excessive market enthusiasm giving rise to investment bubbles that eventually burst.

The behaviour of currency markets over the past two years suggests that another bubble is building up in the form of an overvalued American dollar. Since the end of 1980 the dollar has appreciated by one third against the average of other leading currencies, by 50 per cent against the Deutschemark and by more than 60 per cent against sterling.

The main explanation for this dramatic rise in the dollar's external value is the level of dollar interest rates which, after adjusting for inflation, have offered considerably higher "real" rates of return than those available on non-dollar denominated assets.

Furthermore, since the prime cause of high American interest rates is the soaring budget deficit the market consensus is that tight credit conditions will continue to support a strong dollar for as long as the Administration and Congress remain deadlocked over budgetary policy.

According to this view the positive interest rate factor will outweigh any further deterioration in the American trade position resulting from the dollar's appreciation.

There are, however, two objections to this assessment of the dollar's prospects. First as is now becoming apparent, the outlook for American interest rates is much less certain than many supposed. After adjusting for inflation American long-term bond yields are higher than they were a year ago and it would be surprising indeed if these penal borrowing costs did not quickly choke off private sector credit demands, thereby slowing the Aerican recovery when European economics are showing signs of revival.

However, it sems probable that the serious damage now being inflicted visibly on American industry by the Administration's absorbtion of private savings will generate internal political pressures for corrective action after next year's presidential election, if not before.

The second reason for questioning the dollar's strong status is the scale of the present balance of payments adjustment. While the outlook for American interest rates is far from clear, the prospect of a continuing and unprecidented erosion of the the country's international trade position is certain.

Careful estimates indicate that the dollar's appreciation over the past two and a half years will eventually result in a worsening of the annual trade balance to the extent of $40bn to $50bn (£26.4bn to 33.1bn) implying chronic current account deficits of this order and, indeed, more.

This means that, if the dollar's value is to be sustained, America will have to attract even larger net capital inflows to offset the widening shortfall on current account.

More likely is an abrupt reversal of the dollar's recent performance as the dominant concern of investers shifts from hopes of high interest rates to trade developments and the external financing "gap".

Previous experience suggests that the market adjustment, when it comes, will be precipitous rather than gradual,posing particular dangers for an Administration that has foresworn large-scale official intervention as an instrument of stabilization.

In particular, American inflation could be boosted by several percentage points if the dollar were permitted to find its own level in a badly shaken foreign exchange markrt.

A dollar crisis, coming after a prolonged period of excessive dollar strength, would also raise fundamental questions about the management of exchange rates.

Dr Richard Dale

The author is an economist and barrister and co-author of Managing Global Debt, to be published by the Brookings Institutionn next month.

APPOINTMENTS

Prestige names new finance director

Prestige Group: Mr Brian Wainwright has been made finance director.

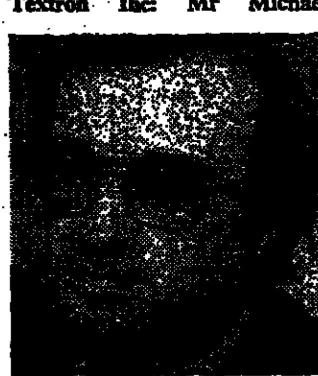
TSB Scotland: Mr J. G. Craigie has become head of foreign services.

BOTB'S British Overseas Trade Group for Israel: Mr Clinton Silver will be chairman for three years until July, 1986. He replaces Mr Jessel Harrison, chairman since January, 1979.

Owanna Holdings: Mr David Grant has been appointed secretary to the group and to VAT Watkins. Mr Ron Goodyer becomes chairman of H. Fairweather (City), where he has been managing director. Mr Charles Lancet, a director, becomes managing director. Mr Gordon Parker becomes executive director of Swanley Bar Plant, with Mrs Brenda Barker as company secretary. Mr Eric Wallis is appointed development manager and secretary of Belltract, the group's property and land development company.

A. F. Bulgin & Company: Mr Richard Bulgin has been elected to the board. Mr Christopher Sawyer has been appointed chief executive of Broxlea Holdings and Mr Ronald McKellar has been made financial director. Mr Ronald Bulgin and Mr Robert Bulgin, chairman and managing director and deputy managing director respectively for A. F. Bulgin also join the board of Broxlea.

Sheaffer Pens UK Division of Textron Inc: Mr Michael Johnstone has become managing director.


Mr John Devaney (above) has been appointed managing director of Perkins Engines.

J. L. Catering: Mr D. C. Johnson, special projects director of Lyons Bakery, will be managing director of J. L. Catering a week tomorrow.

Car Care Plan (Securities Division): Mr Alan Clarke has been appointed to the new position of commercial vehicle sales director.

The master of relaxed presentation, with a nervous tie-twitching habit

Brough – the good bloke who communicates racing's joy

No matter how often you go to the races, you can never quite shake off the feeling that you do not really belong there. You are an intruder, a tourist gawping at the sacred rites of a curious ethnic minority, a priestly sect whose distinguishing mark is the brown hat and the binoculars hung like a Christmas tree with countless dozens of entry badges, badges which proclaim the fact that they *know*; you, the mere punter, are guessing.

The myth of being in the know is all-important and all-pervasive. The fact that only one horse will win the next race and you do not know its name is made yet more frustrating by the touching belief that the brown-hatted ministry and their luminous-shirted acolytes somehow do. A cheer erupts from the near rails when the result of a photograph is announced. Ah yes! They *knew*. We guessed, and look where it got us. To win is only to experience a moment of glorious belonging, for an instant, to the inner ring of the greatest and most beautiful sport of them all.

Brough Scott, Independant Television's racing presenter, understands this, and it annoys him. He was a man in the centre of the inner ring himself, a professional jockey with 100 winners under his belt, but he has the imagination to see the great gulf between racing people and people who watch racing. He says: "There are people in racing who really rather revel in the secret society thing. What I try to do is not to be a great form reader or tipster, but just a bloke who makes racing shareable.

"People like to imagine, or like to pretend, that there is a great mystery about horse racing. But that isn't the case at all. People who are supposed to be on the inside, with special knowledge, get it wrong just as often as other people. The only real mystery about racing is the fact that no-one can ever know for certain exactly what unpredictable beasts like horses are going to bloody well do.

The presenter: a man of the people

"There is a secret society thing about golf, too. Only people who play are truly invovled in the sport, but you only have to play a round of golf in order to become involved. With racing, there is a tiny number of people actually doing it. The rest are always outsiders, to that extent. But to treat them as irrelevant is wrong and, quite apart from anything else, it is insane economically. Racing needs people desperately, and so racing simply must involve people."

Scott is rather good at that. He always manages to appear on screen as a decent chap whose delight in racing is easy to understand and therefore to share. He looks like someone who is at the races, not because he is working, but because he likes it, who happens to be telling us about the sport because he is an amiable and chatty fellow. He manages to exude no sense of privilege. He doesn't even wear a hat. His bantering on-air relationship with his colleagues, John Oaksey and John McCririck, confirms the overall impression: that racing's delights are, indeed, shareable.

To give out an air of calm, relaxed enjoyment in a medium as prone to public disaster as live television is a strange gift. Yet there I was, four feet away from Scott in his eyrie above the paddock at York last week, when he found himself quite unexpectedly being beamed out across the nations airways. He began talking wigh his usual ease and I did not notice there was anything wrong until he was plucked off the air again, and started swearing and laughing simultaneously. "There was one hideous occasion when I glanced at the monitor to see what was being transmitted, and was rather amused to see it was a chap picking his nose. Then I realised it was me."

His easy charm becomes rather predatory outside the weighing-in room before the races as he makes eagle-like swoops on potential interviewees. Some trainers will always agree, some never. Some jockeys are good value, others tongue-tied or maddeningly garrulous.

Preparations for the programme involve sitting around a table knee-deep in children's colouring sets of felt-tips and crayons, used for drawing jockey's shirts to aid race reading. The conversation is refreshingly–similar to the kind of bar-room ramblings so familiar to the normal punter: "Isn't whatsitsname's beast the one beaten by a short head by that horse that ran in the Derby? Was that here or Newmarket?"

Scott's own mnemonic is a piece of cardboard with race cards from *Sporting Life* gummed on and surrounded by a frenzied Jackson Pollock design in biro, from which mess that effortless flow of information is gleaned. Scott likes to chat rather than give polished autocue readings.

His reputation of being the calm fellow in a crisis was tested in rather more searching circumstances than mere television recently, in an incident he now

The rider: a winner 100 times

refers to, with slightly desperate facetiousness, as "The Death of Billy Newnes". Scott's promptness with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation saved the young jockey's life after a horrific riding-out accident.

It is with a rather sneaking feeling of satisfaction that one notices that this master of relaxed presentation has a nervous habit: he is a compulsive tie-straightener. Five seconds before every appearance on the air, he makes a determined effort to strangle himself with the double-Windsor knot, and then once again smiles and squints at the camera to become the good bloke who genuinely does communicate racing's joys.

After the 2,000 Guineas, the talk was of nothing but the fortune the horse would make at stud and the further fortunes to be made by the bookmakers, until the camera turned back to Scott, who said: "Well, I don't care about all these millions and . . . *pillions* of pounds. That was a good horse winning well, and that is what racing is all about." Amen to that. And the more people he can get to share such sentiments, the more fun for the people. And, incidentally, the better for racing.

Simon Barnes

BASKETBALL

Lloyd in the eye of the storm

From Robert Pryce Hamilton

England 88
Canada 86

Sweaty, but unruffled in the ferment around him, Dan Lloyd sunk four successive free throws in the last 31 seconds of overtime to clinch England's first win over Canada yesterday.

After a series of one-sided games, Auckland's largest crowd of the Commonwealth Championships responded warmly to a close-fought game and to the team's victory salute afterwards. But the Canadians were upset. "Don't say one word about the referees", their seven foot centre, Jim Zoet, warned his coach. "I think we surprised them," Karl Tatham, the England guard said. "They didn't expect us to press them all game."

Both teams were soon in trouble with fouls. Canada lost a forward and their best guard, Coulthard, in the space of 45 seconds. Then Mullings, who had revealed a delicate jump shot in between rounds of his heavyweight bout with Zoet, was out of the game. Canada immediately attempted to feed their giant centre with lob passes near the basket.

Canada led 78-75 going into the last minute of the game. Then Stimpson, who finished as England's top scorer with 15 points, hit one of two free throws and Jeremich intercepted a pass and sunk an 18 foot jump shot to send the game into overtime.

The Canadians were not cool enough in the most heated moments. After taking an 84-82 lead late in the extra period, they missed three successive shots and committed two damaging fouls. Dan Lloyd did the rest.

OTHER RESULTS: Men: New Zealand 142, Fiji 59. Women: Australia 135, Malaysia 25. England 68, New Zealand 58.

TENNIS

First win for Miss Hu

New Jersey (Reuter) – Hu Na, the Chinese tennis star who received political asylum in the United States in April, had a surprising victory in the first round at a women's tournament here on Monday.

Miss Hu won her first professional match when she defeated Beth Norton of the United States, 6-2, 6-1. Miss Norton is ranked 79th in the world.

RESULTS: First round (US unless stated): J Harrington, bt S Mascarin, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; S Acker bt A M Fernandez, 6-3, 6-4; H Ludoff bt N Yeargin, 6-2, 7-6; I Madruga-Osses (Arg) bt L Sandin (Swe), 6-0, 6-2; R Casals, bt B Nagelsen, 4-6, 6-2 6-3; M Jausovec (Yug) bt S Walsh, 7-5, 6-1; C Jolissaint (Switz) bt L Romanov (Rom), 6-0, 6-3; C Benjamin bt D Fromholtz, 6-4, 7-6; L Thompson bt P Casale, 6-2, 6-0; M L Piatek bt J Mundel (SA), 6-4, 6-3; S Solomon bt P Hy (HK), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; R Reggi (It) bt E Pfaff (WG), 6-3, 6-2.

Wimbledon gets brickbats and bouquets

Looking at ways to end abuses and bad practices

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Tennis players are permitted a maximum interval of 30 seconds between the end of a rally and the next service. During changeovers, the interval can be 90 seconds. Both concessions are abused, with the tacit connivance of court officials, and both interrupt the continuity of play. The avantages of reducing the 30 seconds to 20 will be among the items discussed by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council, the governing body of the grand prix circuit, when they meet in New York today.

The intervals between points are often extended because players take physical or emotional breathers by arguing about line decisions or, otherwise, fooling about: practices which, in addition to checking the flow of play, can disrupt an opponent's concentration. It is to be hoped that the MIPTC will also consider some restriction on the tedious ritual of bouncing the ball before serving. As a further aid to maintaining the momentum of a match, why not get rid of the players' chairs, which inevitably encourage loitering?

Special rates

Regular interruptions in the flow of play were the second most popular subject raised in post-Wimbledon correspondence. The first, as usual, was the assertion that the dominance of service made Wimbledon tennis less interesting than it should be. There was nothing new in the remedies suggested: making the server stand farther back, on a new line drawn for that purpose; or restricting him to one service; or insisting that the return must bounce before he plays it again; or moving the service line nearer the net; or raising the height of the net.

The dominance of the service never causes as much fuss anywhere else as it does at Wimbledon, which is played on a minority surface with unique playing characteristics. One reader, among "the millions in this country whose knowledge of tennis is practically confined to watching Wimbledon on television", considers there may be a case for having special rules for grass-court tennis. This reflects a widespread frustration arising from a suspicion (justified) that more attractive tennis is played elsewhere.

The variety of court surfaces and consequent diversity of challenges is part of the game's charm. In some respects Wimbledon and its public are unfortunate. Surfaces vary, but the game must be played to one set of rules all over the world. "The rules have to be common to all players in all countries on all surfaces, so that we get uniformity throughout the game", David Gray, secretary of the International Tennis Federation says.

There was some comfort for Britain in a post-Wimbledon inquest conducted by an American magazine, *World Tennis*. Reading it was an educational exercise in seeing ourselves as others see us. First, the bad news. There was criticism of "infuriatingly inflexible" rules, "self-important and imperious" officials, an "evident and maddening" class system, and the ritualism of "traditions that do not really fit the modern world". An even heavier punch pointed out that the most important championships in the game were decided on an "outdated" and "alien" surface that was "almost extinct".

English weather

On the other hand the *World Tennis* team found Wimbledon a "proud" and "splendid" anachronism, a symbol of decorum for "ladies and gentlemen", and a festival that ran like clockwork, had a "captivating aura", and was the "showcase" of world tennis, but it provided the toughest – and the better athletes had an advantage because of the need to adjust quickly in the middle of a stroke. Given a few weeks of preparation and a fine day, "a dry grass court is conducive to good tennis".

One of the wisest, most experienced of tennis writers, Bud Collins, went even further. "Too much of anything or too little of anything – ground-stroking or volleying – is not good for the game. Those who proclaim the need for a universal surface would lead us down the baseline of monotony. The variety of courts is the garlic and pepper of tennis.

Worst features

Wimbledon is the ultimate championship because it is the most difficult to win. English weather, as well as the mormal deterioration of grass courts, causes the turf to play differently every day. We should be more in touch with the salad days, and revive some of the greenery. A modest increase in grass tournaments would be fitting and enjoyable".

Let us turn to the spotlight the other way. The third great tournament of the year, the United States championship, will begin on August 30 on the hard courts of Flushing Meadow, New York. The tournament's worst features are the nerve-racking noise level and the absence of anything that might reasonably be prescribed to soothe the soul – except for the traditional jazz group who position themselves under the shade of a tree and give arriving customers a melodic welcome on the last day. The sprawling lay-out of the courts lacks coherence, the scheduling is sometimes nonsense, and the mixture of

Point of contention

daylight and floodlight play produces an unfair disparity in playing conditions. That is the sour side of "the Big Apple".

Brassy vitality

Flushing Meadow has one big advantage over Roland Garros and Wimbledon. The playing surface may be tough on the legs but provides a more equitable test than the extremes of pace represented by slow caly in Paris and fast grass at Wimbledon. The pace of Flushing Meadow is slightly quicker than the ideal but gives ground-stroke specialists a better chance than they have at Wimbledon – and offers specialists in the service and volley bigger dividends than they can hope to collect in Paris.

The loud, brassy vitality of Flushing Meadow harmonizes perfectly with its New York environment. Spectators span a wider social range than those of Roland Garros or Wimbledon. Flushing Meadow is the friendliest, most easy-going rendezvous – at the highest level, that is – for the international family of tennis. It subscribes far more heavily than Wimbledon, for example, to the principle that although everyone is important, nobody is very important.

Well, nobody except the television bosses. If the tournament organizers had the guts to do what was right, rather than was expedient, the US championships would be more sensibly scheduled and there would be fewer commercially inspired violations of the 90-second rule at changeovers. Money talks: but that does not mean we always have to listen.

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CRICKET: ESSEX STAY AHEAD IN THE TITLE CHASE, BOYCOTT SCORES 100 BEFORE LUNCH

Middlesex savaged by a sticky dog and fall behind in championship

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: Somerset (22 pts) beat Middlesex (6) by 83 runs.

An eventful day, though it consisted of only three hours 40 minutes' play, ended with Somerset gaining the 16 extra points which Middlesex so badly needed. Up to a point, all went well for Middlesex. After a delayed start and on a wet pitch they reduced Somerset, in their second innings, from their overnight 72 for 1 to 119 all out. But having set out to make 127 to win, which was never going to be easy, they lost 40 minutes to a heavy teatime shower and in the chase that followed, Somerset bowled them out.

So with three weeks of the season left, Essex lead the county championship table for the first time since May 1980. Middlesex, who went to the top on June 7 and, by June 21 had a lead of 48 points, are now 13 points behind Essex, though with a match in hand. Beset by injury and weakened by absence, Middlesex will be looking, during the next week, to their younger players to help keep them in the hunt.

Play began after an early lunch with Somerset leading by 79. The spinners were on at once, Edmonds despite a damaged spinning finger. Of the 36 overs Somerset lasted, he and Emburey bowled 33. Daniel bowled two and Gatting one, to allow Emburey and Edmonds to change ends from time to time. Can the great Richards bat on a sticky dog? Though I am sure he could if he put his mind to it, he was straightaway caught at slip, beaten by Edmonds's turn. It was a classical dismissal, a sign of things to come.

The best innings for Somerset was played by Ollis, a tall, spare left hander who survived for 100 minutes with no more than a reasonable share of luck. His long reach was a help in smothering the spin. Of the others, Botham stayed longest. Having started by pulling Emburey into the Mound Stand and sweeping him, somewhat hazardously, over the leg trap, he seemed to decide just to hang around.

More than once he turned down long singles. There was a theory that this was to keep away from Edmonds, against whom the desire to have a go would prove irresistible. Maybe that was right. Certainly, as soon as Edmonds did get a chance at Botham, he bowled him. Botham was trying to whack the wrong ball through the covers.

Ollis and Botham were together for 45 minutes. The only other resistance to speak of came from Davis, who played two or three cover drives as though on a perfect batting pitch. Popplewell and Gard were both caught at silly point off bat and pad; Marks edged Edmonds to slip, and Garner skied Emburey to a great height. Eventually Ollis lost patience and was stumped. It was a severe test of Downton's wicketkeeping, and one he passed, if not quite with a distinction.

With no rain, Middlesex would have had two hours 25 minutes in which to score their 127. For Edmonds and Emburey the ball had sometimes turned extravagantly, though usually slowly. Botham, captaining Somerset, had Booth, slow left arm, bowling the second over of the Middlesex innings and Marks the fourth. As it happened, England's most recent off spinner, was given only six overs. For a boy to have had more must have irked him. Booth aged 18, was playing only his fifth first class match.

At tea, Middlesex were 15 for the loss of Miller, one of three of this year's Oxford side to have played for them. When can that have happened last? By the time the rain had stopped and the covers been removed Middlesex needed 112 in 20 minutes plus 20 overs. This looked possible only when Tomlins and Emburey were together.

Within 10 minutes of the resumption, Barlow had been bowled and Gatting run out by a lightning piece of fielding by Popplewell. Gatting, taking a pace to Garner, stunned the ball to short leg, where it bounced conveniently for Popplewell, whose reflex throw whipped the stumps with Gatting well stranded.

Radley, tenacious as ever, made 20 as best he could. He was beginning to quicken up when caught at the wicket. Middlesex's task seemed hopeless until, suddenly, Tomlins and Emburey, batting splendidly, scored 40 in four overs. Booth was hit for seven, Garner for nine, Lloyds for 11 and Marks for 13. When Emburey straight drove Marks into the pavilion Middlesex needed only 48 in 11 overs.

Instead they lost five wickets in 21 balls without adding to their score. Tomlins was caught and bowled by Botham, hitting across the line; Emburey was marvellously caught in front of the pavilion by Slocombe, a substitute fielder; Edmonds was caught at long off. With 4.2 overs left Somerset found they had won.

It was, amazingly enough, only their second victory in 19 championship matches this – this with Richards, Garner and Botham on their staff.

Marks: spinning on a wicket that destroyed batsmen.

Scorecard at Lord's

SOMERSET: First innings 249 (J E Emburey 6 for 54)

Second innings

J W Lloyds lbw Emburey	32
P M Roebuck not out	16
R L Ollis st Downton b Emburey	22
I V A Richards c Emburey b Edmonds	9
N F M Popplewell c Radley b Emburey	0
I T Botham b Edmonds	5
V J Marks c Emburey b Edmonds	9
T Gard c Radley b Edmonds	3
M R Davis lbw b Edmonds	10
J Garner c Downton b Emburey	0
S C Booth not out	11
Extras (b3, lb3, nb5)	11
Total ()	119

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–43, 2–76, 3–83, 4–98, 5–98, 6–, 7–, 8–, 9–119, 10–119.

BOWLING: Daniel 8-2-21-0; Cowans 5-1-18-0; Williams 7-2-21-0; Emburey 23-11-28-4; Edmonds 16.5-10-19-5; Gatting 1-0-1-0.

MIDDLESEX: First innings 242 (M W Gatting 105, J E Emburey 50)

Second innings

G D Barlow b Lloyds	8
A J T Miller c Popplewell b Marks	4
C T Radley c Gard b Garner	20
*M W Gatting run out	0
K P Tomlins c and b Booth	38
J E Emburey c and b Marks	0
†P R Downton c Lloyds b Booth	0
P H Edmonds c Garner b Marks	1
N F Williams c Botham b Booth	5
W W Daniel b Booth	2
N G Cowans not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 4)	8
Total	93

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–7, 2–15, 3–18, 4–39, 5–79, 6–79, 7–79, 8–79, 9–79, 10–93.

BOWLING: Garner 7-1-27-2; Botham 1-0-2-0; Marks 6-3-17-3; Booth 7.4-2-28-4; Lloyds 6-2-18-1.

Umpires: J W Holder and R Palmer.

Thomas torment, Surrey sorry

By Richard Streeton

HOVE: Sussex (5 pts) drew with Surrey (7)

Any chance Sussex held of completing a stiff task set before them wrecked by Thomas, the newcomer in England's test match 12. He took three wickets in 10 balls to leave Sussex reeling. But Surrey's were unable to complete the demolition job that Thomas began, and Barclay and Colin Wells came safely through the closing stages.

Thomas failed with the bat yesterday, but a belligerent century on Saturday and three wickets in each innings has made this a notable match for him. After Sussex declared their first innings overnight, 105 runs behind, a century by Lynch in 102 balls was the feature of Surrey's batting. Their declaration left Sussex to make 304 in three hours, and was hardly generous.

Thomas' hostile speed and late movement quickly had Sussex struggling. He had Green held at first slip, and then Cowan and Imran were leg-before to successive balls. Mendis, and Heath held out for 55 minutes before Pocock beat Heath. When the off-spinner ended Mendis's two hours of defiance, the final 20 overs were just about to start.

While Barclay made no attempt to score, while Wells saw aggression as his best means to survive. Long before the game was given up with two overs left, Surrey must have regretted that they had not given themselves longer to dismiss their opponents.

Surrey's innings earlier was full of incident, and both teams contributed to some good cricket. Reeve, a recent acquisition from the Lord's ground staff, took three quick wickets at the start of a lively spell. Gould held three catches, two of them acrobatic ones on the leg side, as well as making a stumping. Finally Lynch launched a spirited counter-attack and Richards, in spite of an injured hand, joined in with gusto for the final hour before the decalration.

There is no end to the recent dreadful sequence of injuries to Sussex pace bowlers. Pigott, who strained his side on Saturday, was the latest absentee, and Reeve chose an apt moment to make an impace. Pauline and Butcher were caught behind and Knight was bowled half forward.

The total was 28 when Stewart hobbled off after being struck on the foot by a fierce drive from Lynch, and was only 38 when Thomas was out. Surrey's perilous position did not deter Lynch, who drove and pulled with great freedom. His strokes included four straight sixes against Waller, and 10 fours.

SURREY: First innings 357 for 5 dec (D J Thomas 108 not out, R D B Knight 57, D B Pauline 51)

Second innings

A R Butcher c Gould b Reeve	4
D B Pauline c Gould b Reeve	5
A J Stewart ret hurt	12
*R D V Knight b Reeve	5
M A Lynch not out	101
D J Thomas st Gould b Waller	0
G Monkhouse c Gould b Wells	12
†C J Richards not out	52
Extras (b 1, l-b 2, w 1, n-b 3)	7
Total (5 wkts dec)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–10, 2–13, 3–25, 4–35, 5–105.

BOWLING: 12–5–23–3; Wells 15–3–46–1; Waller 9–0–59–1; Imran 3–0–6–0; Barclay 6–0–27–0; Heath 3–0–30–0.

SUSSEX: First innings 252 for 7 wkts (Imran Khan 71). Bowling: Clarke 18-5-50-2; Thomas 18-3-62-3; Pocock 14-3-57-1; Knight 8-1-23-1; Curtis 8-4-15-0.

Second innings

G D Mendis b Pocock	35
A M Green c Knight B Thomas	0
R S Cowan lbw b Thomas	8
Imran Khan lbw b Thomas	0
J R P Heath lbw b Pocock	11
*J R T Barclay not out	12
C M Wells not out	47
Extras (b 4, l-b 2, n-b 1)	7
Total (5 wkts)	120

†I J Gould, A C S Pigott, D A Reeve, and C M Waller did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–14, 2–22, 3–22, 4–48, 5–57.

BOWLING: Clarke 10-6-13-0; Thomas 9-1-30-3; Monkhouse 5-2-6-0; Pocock 14-6-35-2; Curtis 8-8-3-0; Butcher 5-0-20-0; Lynch 1-0-6-0.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and R A White.

Kent bat a path to safety

By Peter Marson

FOLKESTONE: Kent (5pts) drew with Warwickshire (8).

Kent's batsmen, casting aside the spectre of defeat by an innings, yesterday scaled an improbable summit and issued a challenge. In this Warwicshire were invited to make 143 runs to win in 21 overs.

Lloyd and Smith scored 31 in 37 minutes from 11 overs before shouldering arms and marching off. A rare opportunity to take maximum points had been lost, not so much here but in Willis's insistence in bowling Gifford and Old into the ground.

The morning's sunshine eventually gave way to Folkestone's notorious sea fret. Having done the rounds elsewhere, it arrived to encircle the Cheriton ground around three o'clock, to the accompaniment of a fog horn – a suitable theatrical touch, because Warwickshire's frustration was at its zenith at this point as Aslett and Knott added to an increasing pile of runs.

At the day's start Kent, with nine second innings wickets in hand, had been in the unenviable position of requiring 149 runs as Warwickshire made ready for victory. In spite of the fact that at that time 791 runs had been made on this pitch, its quality was the subject of considerable doubt. By the end of the second day, when Gifford had taken six wickets for 85 as Kent were bowled out for 268, that doubt had been confirmed.

But fears that the pitch might deteriorate to the point where Gifford would be well nigh unplayable were never realized. Not that that minimises Kent's resource or determination in what was unquestionable a difficult test.

By the time Tavaré had become the second wicket to fall, at 114, he and Benson had inspired all men of Kent, Kentish men and the rest, and Kent's remaining batsmen followed their example, near enough, at every step. Tavaré batted splendidly to make 62 and Benson kept the flag flying with a gallant 52.

Aslett entered the arena at midday. It was 4.30 before he retraced his steps. By that time he had made 78 and, in company with Knott, who made 80, had taken Kent clear in a stand of 149 for the sixth wicket.

KENT: First innings 268 (G W Johnson 79 not out, Gifford 6 for 85) Second innings

N R Taylor c Humpage b Willis	3
M R Benson b Old	52
*C J Tavaré b Gifford	62
D G Aslett b Gifford	78
C S Cowdrey st Humpage b Gifford	9
E A Baptiste c Humpage b Old	12
†A P Knott b Gifford	80
G W Johnson not out	20
R M Ellison b Old	10
G R Dilley not out	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 2, n-b 14)	18
Total (8 wkts dec)	344

D L Underwood did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–5, 2–114, 3–126, 4–138, 5–159, 6–308, 7–319, 8–340.

BOWLING: Willis 17-4-44-1; Old 38-6-138-3; Gifford 42.3-12-111-4; Kallicharran 3-0-10-0; Thorne 5-0-23-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings 470 for 8 dec (D L Amiss 184; Underwood 5 for 113).

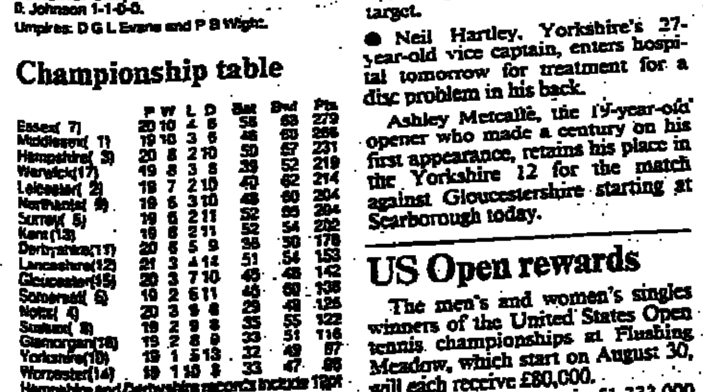
Second innings

T A Lloyd not out	14
K D Smith not out	12
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 2)	5
Total (0 wkt)	31

A I Kallicharran, D L Amiss, †G W Humpage, R I H Dyer, D A Thorne, C Lethbridge, C M Old, N Gifford, and *R G D Willis did not bat.

BOWLING: Dilley 5-2-5-0; Underwood 5-2-21-0; Johnson 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: D G L Evans and P B Wight.



Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Essex(7)	20	10	4	6	56	63	279
Middlesex(1)	19	10	3	6	46	60	266
Hampshire(3)	20	8	2	10	50	57	231
Warwick(17)	19	8	3	8	39	52	219
Leicester(2)	19	7	2	10	40	62	214
Northants(9)	19	6	3	10	48	60	204
Surrey(5)	19	6	2	11	52	56	204
Kent(13)	19	6	2	11	52	54	202
Derbyshire(11)	20	6	5	9	38	30	178
Lancashire(12)	21	3	4	14	51	54	153
Gloucester(15)	20	3	7	10	45	48	142
Somerset(6)	19	2	6	11	45	60	136
Notts(4)	20	3	9	8	29	48	125
Sussex(8)	19	2	9	8	35	55	122
Glamorgan(16)	19	2	8	9	33	51	116
Yorkshire(10)	19	1	5	13	32	49	97
Worcester(14)	19	1	10	8	33	47	86

Hampshire and Derbyshire records include 1981 victories in one-innings matches.

1982 positions in brackets

Cowley's innocent-looking spin has Worcestershire guessing

By Alan Gibson

WORCESTER: Hampshire (24pts) beat Worcestershire (4) by an innings and 44 runs.

Hampshire stayed near the top of the championship table, and Worcestershire near the bottom, as a result of this comfortable win. Overnight, Worcestershire had made 61 for two, still needing 129 to avoid the innings defeat. This they failed to do, by 44 runs. The game was over before lunch. No Jeeves intervened to stave off the doom. Now I come to think of it, Wodehouse took the name Jeeves from a Warwickshire cricketer, so it could hardly have been expected.

The most successful bowler was not Marshall, who nevertheless exerted a powerful psychological influence on the match. It was Cowley, with his innocent-looking off-breaks. It is easier for a spinner if you have had a really fast man to soften the opposition, and if you have some help from the pitch, which yesterday was giving quite a lot of turn.

Nevertheless, it is not the first time I have seen Cowley bowl well this season.

But it was Marshall who took the important wicket of Patel, and three wickets went to Nicholas, whom I do not remember seeing bowl before. At the beginning of this sason he had taken one wicket for 13 runs in three overs. He bowls with his right arm, at medium pace. I fancy that he gave a speculative look at himself before beginning his run-up, as if deciding which arm to bowl with.

Still, they were good wickets to take, even though the batsmen, giving the occasional anxious glances over their shoulders to see if Marshall was warming up, must have been following the principle,

Always keep a hold on nurse
For fear of finding something worse

Hampshire looked a good side, confident, well and imaginatively ed. Worcestershire, handicapped by the injury to their captain – though he was able to bat – frankly looked a bit of a muddle. They never got into the game.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings 365 (C G Greenidge 95, N E J Pocock 57).

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings 175

Second inning's

J A Ormrod l-b-w b Marshall	6
M S A McEvoy l-b-w Marshall	22
D N Patel c Tremlett b Marshall	21
T S Curtis not out	16
D B D'Oliveira c Pocock b Nicholas	19
†D J Humphries c Pocock b Nicholas	0
*P A Neale l-b-w b Nicholas	2
R K Illingworth c Tremlett b Cowley	9
R M Ellcock l-b-w b Cowley	2
S P Perryman b Cowley	1
A P Pridgeon st Parks b Cowley	23
Extras (b16, l-b4, w3, n-b2)	25
Total ()	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–15, 2–56, 3–61, 4–93, 5–93, 6–95, 7–108, 8–112, 9–118, 10–146.

BOWLING: Marshall 19-10-24-3; Malone 11-6-23-0; Tremlett 5-1-16-0; Nicholas 14-8-20-3; Cowley 14.5-3-38-4.

Umpires: D O Oslear and R Julian

Derbyshire guided home by Holding

SWANSEA: Derbyshire (23pts) beat Glamorgan (6) by two wickets.

Derbyshire beat Glamorgan with two balls of the final over left yesterday. Derbyshire, needing 177 runs to win, were steered home by Holding, who cracked a four and a six from the 18th over, bowled by the off-spinner, Rowe.

Ontong bowled the 19th, in which Holding was dropped at square leg by Alan Jones. It was a decisive lapse as the West Indies fast bowler produced the winning runs from the fourth ball of the final over.

Derbyshire had faltered in the run chase after making 83 for three at the start of the final 20 overs in the last hour. They slipped to 154 for eight when Taylor was out in the 17th over. Miller (28 not out) and Holding then took charge.

Glamorgan had totalled 240 all out, with Hopkins hitting 109 not out, his second century of the season. He also became only the third Glamorgan batsman since the war to carry his bat through a completed innings. The others were Gilbert Parkhouse in 1947 and Alan Jones in 1967.

Hopkins hit two sixes and 12 fours and, with Selvey (30), added 53 for the ninth wicket.

● Rajesh Maru, Middlesexs 20 year-old left arm spinner, will play on trial for Hampshires second XI against Gloucestershire at Bristol today. David Turner and John Southern return to the Hampshire senior squad for the championship match against Somerset at Bournemouth. One of them will replace Chris Smith, opener, who will be making his second appearance for England at Trent Bridge.

GLAMORGAN: First innings 221 for 9 dec (A L Jones 57, R C Ontong 50)

Second innings

J A Hopkins not out	109
D A Francis c Taylor b Mortensen	0
R C Ontong c Taylor b Mortensen	6
A Jones l-b-w b Mortensen	0
C J C Rowe run out	15
A L Jones c Fowler b Miller	53
S P Henderson c Taylor b Tunnicliffe	5
†T Davies l-b-w b Tunnicliffe	0
A H Wilkins b Mortensen	2
*M W W Selvey c Anderson b Tunnicliffe	30
W W Davis b Tunnicliffe	4
Extras (b 4, l-b 1, w 1, n-b 10)	16
Total	240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–0, 2–14, 3–22, 4–63, 5–171, 6–176, 7–176, 8–179, 9–232, 10–240.

BOWLING: Holding 24–6–53–0; Mortensen 23–10–65–4; Tunnicliffe 18.5–7–48–4; Miller 21–5–49–1; Finney 4–1–9–0.

DERBYSHIRE: First innings 285 (K T Barnett 67, W P Fowler 61)

Second innings

*K J Barnett c Davies b Davis	15
I S Anderson c Henderson b Rowe	39
A Hill lbw b Selvey	10
J H Hampshire c A L Jones b Ontong	33
R J Finney c Henderson b Ontong	21
G Miller not out	22
W P Fowler run out	3
C J Tunnicliffe run out	0
†R W Taylor c A Jones b Ontong	3
M A Holding not out	18
Extras (lb7, w1, nb5)	13
Total (8 wkts)	177

O H Mortensen did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–24, 2–63, 3–77, 4–124, 5–136, 6–141, 7–151, 8–154.

BOWLING: Davis 6-1-25-1; Selvey 11-4-27-1; Rowe 20.4-0-89-1; Ontong 7-1-23-3.

Umpires: J H Harris and Ibadulla.

A broken finger holds out

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (4pts) drew with LANCASHIRE (4pts).

Northamptonshire had to settle for a draw after their spinners had reduced Lancashire to 96 for seven. Abrahams and Lloyd in the latter batting despite a broken little finger on his left hand held out to 115 for seven at the close.

Northamptonshire began the day at 59 for three and lost four more wickets before declaring at 213 for seven. Lloyd's left-arm spin brought four for 53 runs in 28 overs and Boyd-Moss's 78 was the top score.

Lancashire were set to score 264 to win in 167 minutes and after an opening stand of 46 they lost five wickets for 24 runs with the left-arm spinner, Steel, the main destroyer. Then Abrahams and Nasir Zaidi put on 26 for the sixth wicket and after two more wickets fell quickly Lloyd came in to make sure Lancashire held on, Steele took four for 40 in 25 overs.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 381 for 2 dec (W Larkins 187, P Willey 147 not out)

Second innings

D J Capel b McFarlane	12
W Larkins l-b-w b Allott	7
A J Lamb b McFarlane	13
R J Boyd-Moss c & b D Lloyd	78
N A Mallender b D Lloyd	21
R G Williams c Maynard b D Lloyd	14
*†G Cook, b D Lloyd	19
P Willey not out	22
D S Steele not out	13
Extras (b 8, l-b 5, n-b 1)	14
Total (7 wkts declared)	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–13, 2–28, 3–41, 4–114, 5–140, 6–163, 7–178.

BOWLING: Allott 11-2-23-1; McFarlane 13-2-41-2; Zaidi 10-1-28-0; Watkinson 3-0-15-0; D Lloyd 28-4-53-4; Abrahams 22-5-39-0.

LANCASHIRE: First innings 381 for 3 dec

Second innings

G Fowler b Williams	27
S J O'Shaughnessy b Steele	17
J Abrahams not out	39
*C H Lloyd c and b Steele	4
F C Hayes c Lamb B Steele	3
†C Maynard b Steele	0
S M N Zaidi b Boyd-Moss	15
M Watkinson c Capel b Williams	0
D Lloyd not out	1
Extras (b 5, l-b 2, w 1, n-b 1)	9
Total (7 wkts)	115

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–46, 2–50, 3–56, 4–70, 5–70, 6–96, 7–97.

BOWLING: Mallender 3-1-11-0; Carse 2-0-9-0; Steele 25-15-40-4; Williams 20.4-9-32-2; Boyd-Moss 8-4-13-1.

Umpires: D J Constant and P J Eele.

Poor reward for Love and Boycott

BRADFORD: Yorkshire (7 pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (5).

Geoff Boycott's 138th century of his career and lusty hitting by Jim Love were not enough for Yorkshire to force victory over Notts.

Set to score 297 to win in 210 minutes, Notts finished at 149 for three in bad light after eight of the last 20 overs. Their chase was handicapped by a chest injury to Basharat Hassan and the early loss of Randall. When Rice was well caught on the boundary, Notts concentrated on survival.

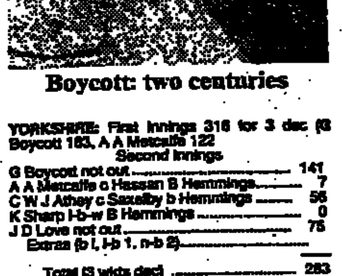
Boycott hit 141 not out – his second century of the match – while Love smashed five sixes in an unbeaten 75 before Yorkshire declared their second innings on 283 for three. Boycott, reprimanded last week for slow scoring, hit 103 of his runs in the morning two hour session.

Notts were hammered in the 23 minute before the declaration, Love lifting five sixes, one onto the roof of the pavilion, in three overs off the spinners as another 61 were added.

Hartley then set Notts their target.

● Neil Hartley, Yorkshire's 27-year-old vice captain, enters hospital tomorrow for treatment for a disc problem in his back.

Ashley Metcalfe, the 19-year-old opener who made a century on his first appearance, retains his place in the Yorkshire 12 for the match against Gloucestershire starting at Scarborough today.


Boycott: two centuries

YORKSHIRE: First innings 316 for 3 dec (G Boycott 163, A A Metcalfe 122)

Second innings

G Boycott not out	141
A A Metcalfe c Hassan B Hemmings	7
C W J Athey c Saxelby b Hemmings	56
K Sharp l-b-w B Hemmings	0
J D Love not out	75
Extras (b l, l-b 1, n-b 2)	
Total (3 wkts dec)	283

*S N Hartley, †D L Bairstow, P Carrick, A Sidebotham, G B Stevenson and S J Dennis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–23, 2–130, 3–135.

BOWLING: Hendrick 12-4-20-0; Saxelby 3-1-9-0; Hemmings 29-7-128-3; Cooper 4-2-7-0; Bore 17-1-115-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 303 for 7 dec (B N French 51, J D Birch 85, R T Robinson 50).

Second innings

B Hassan ret hurt	6
R T Robinson not out	70
D W Randall lbw b Stevenson	5
*C E B Rice c Metcalfe b Carrick	48
J D Birch b Carrick	5
†B N French not out	6
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 2)	9
Total (3 wkts)	149

E E Hemmings, K Saxelby, K E Cooper, M K Bore and M Hendrick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–30, 2–128, 3–143.

BOWLING: Dennis 11-2-36-0; Stevenson 9-1-30-1; Sidebottom 12-3-38-0; Carrick 18-10-35-2; Metcalfe 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and N T Plews.

US Open rewards

The men's and women's singles winners of the United States Open tennis championships at Flushing Meadow, which start on August 30, will each receive £80,000.

Total prize-money is £1,333,000

MINOR COUNTIES REVIEW

Cumberland's first-class step out of wilderness

By Michael Berry

With Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire certain to contest the Minor Counties championship play off on the county ground at Worcester on September 18, the focus of the last week of the season has shifted to the other end of the regional tables and the fight for places in the 1984 NatWest Trophy.

The top six counties in each division are guaranteed an entry and the best-finishing seventh side will make up the complement of 13 minor counties qualifiers. While the issue in the eastern section is all but decided many of the western division sides still have plenty to play for in their final games.

In the eastern group Cumberland have made history by qualifying for a crack at first-class opposition for the first time. Having witnessed their improvement this year, I see their cause as a deserving one after their being so long in the wilderness.

It is sad that it comes so soon after the untimely death of their long serving secretary, Norman Wise, last winter. Staffordshire could also be on the verge of their first NatWest Trophy tie.

They last qualified as long as six years ago when the competition was run as the Gillette Cup. Staffordshire have inched above Cambridgeshire into sixth place on a faster-runs-per-wicket striking rate and can only be pushed out of the frame if Suffolk win one of their two remaining games against Durham or Bedfordshire.

Even then Staffordshire would still stand a chance of scraping in as the best-placed seventh county. If they do qualify Staffordshire will owe much of their debt to two of their lesser-known names, Steve Dean and David Cartledge. In the win over Bedfordshire that lifted them into contention, Dean, a stylish 22-year-old, and Cartledge, a burly batsman and useful slow bowler, were in stunning form.

The absence of Peter Gill, the captain and one of the more thought-of batsmen in the championship, gave Dean and Cartledge the chance to open together for the first time. In the first innings they savaged the unsuspecting Bedfordshire bowlers for a stand of 171 in just 28 overs. Then second time around they hammered 140 off 23 overs to set Staffordshire on the road to victory.

Down in the western division Wiltshire and Dorset, who finished second and third behind the champions, Oxfordshire, last season, are in danger of ending the season among the non-qualifiers.

Eastern division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Hert	9	4	1	4	48
Northumberland	9	3	0	6	47
Norfolk	9	2	1	6	34
Durham	8	2	0	6	33
Cumberland	9	2	2	5	30
Staffs	9	2	1	6	28
Cambridgeshire	9	2	4	3	28
Suffolk	7	1	3	3	20
Lincolnshire	9	1	3	5	22
Bedfordshire	8	0	4	4	10

Western division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bucks	8	5	2	1	51
Oxfordshire	8	3	1	4	38
Shropshire	8	2	2	4	31
Berkshire	8	2	1	5	29
Cheshire	8	1	1	6	27
Somerset II	7	2	2	3	27
Devon	6	1	1	4	20
Dorset	8	1	4	3	19
Wiltshire	7	1	1	5	19
Cornwall	6	0	3	3	5

Nantwich: Cheshire 188 for 5 dec (M T O'Brien 58, D Bailey 55 not out); Devon 183 for 5 dec (G Wallen 112).

Weymouth: Cornwall 208 (T J Angove 54, J M H Graham-Brown 61); Dorset 81 (A H Watts 8 for 21) and 29 for 0.

Keynsham: Somerset II 167 (K Arnold 4 for 65, S R Porter 4 for 30; and 12 for 1; Oxfordshire 126 (M D Harman 4 for 35).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off at 7.30 unless stated

European Cup Winners' Cup

Preliminary round, first leg
Swansea City v Magdeburg

Scottish League Cup

Second round, first leg
Aberdeen v Raith Rovers
Airdrieonians v Clyde
Ayr United v Clydebank
Brechin City v Celtic
Cowdenbeath v Heart of Midlothian
Dundee United v Dunfermline
East Fife v St Johnstone
Falkirk v Alloa Athletic
Hamilton v Morton
Hibernian v Dumbarton
Motherwell v Berwick Rangers
Queen's Pk v Kilmarnock (6.45)
Rangers v Queen of the South
St Mirren v Forfar Athletic

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Boston v Dagenham; Maidstone v Kettering; Scarborough v Altrincham; Waymouth v Barnet.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Mossley v Barrow; Workington v Southport; Worksop v Goole.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: CUP: First Round, first Leg: Addlestone and Weybridge v Hounslow; Alvechurch v Shepshed Charterhouse; Andover v Dorchester; Cambridge City v Corby; Coventry Sporting v Bridgnorth; Folkestone v Ashford; Merthyr v Cheltenham; R S Soughampton v Waterlooville.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Chesham v Boreham Wood (at Slough).

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Feckwell Heath v Ruislip Manor.

IRISH LEAGUE: Gold Cup: Glenavon v Ards (6.45); Newry v Portadown (6.45).

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Hull KR v Castleford; Leigh v Fulham; Wakefield Trinity v Wigan; Widnes v Warrington.

SECOND DIVISION: Batley v Rochdale Hornets (7.0); Bramley v Hunslet; Doncaster v Keighley (7.0); Huyton v Blackpool Borough (7.0); York v Dewsbury (7.0).

CRICKET

County championship (11.00 to 6.30)
COLCHESTER: Essex v Worcestershire
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Somerset
FOLKESTONE: Kent v Leicestershire
BLACKPOOL: Lancashire v Derbyshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Surrey
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Sussex
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

Tour match
FENNER'S: National Association of Young Cricketers v Australia Young Cricketers

Second XI championship
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hampshire; Lensbury Club: Middlesex v Warwickshire; Shireoaks: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire; The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire.

Minor Counties championship
Nantwich: Cheshire v Devon; Weymouth: Dorset v Cornwall; Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Suffolk; Keynsham: Somerset II v Oxfordshire.

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: Northern championships (at Bowdon); Edinburgh tournament; Southwick tournament.
GOLF: Southern Professional championship (Worthing GC); British Women's Stroke-play championship (Moortown GC, Leeds).

SWIMMING

Day of the Stork as he cruises to a triple triumph

From Athole Still, Rome

The second day at the European championships in Rome was dominated as it had been the first by the towering 6ft 6in figure of Michael Gross, aged 19, from Frankfurt. He appeared first in the final of the 100 metre butterfly and fairly flew away from the field, as befitted his nickname "The Stork"–as he won easily in a time of 54.0sec, equalling his own European record.

Gross then anchored the West German relay team in the 4x200 metres freestyle event to a new world record of 7min 20.40sec. He had set a world record in the individual event on Monday.

It is already clear from the performance not only of Gross and the West Germans yesterday, but also from the general quality of these championships that the Americans will find it very difficult to maintian their traditional supremacy at the Los Angles Olympics next year.

It was a joyless day for Britain. June Croft, the triple gold medallist at last year's Commonwealth Games, failed by 0.38 of a second, to win a medal when she finished fourth in her speciality – The 200 metres freestyle event.

By the 150 metres turn, Miss Croft had moved from sixth into third place and it was only in the last few metres that she was deprived of the bronze medal by Conny van Bentum.

It would appear that the British girl has difficulty in performing at her best when her coach, Keith Bewley is not present. He is without question the most successful coach in Britain, but is out of favour with the establishment of the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA).

No other British swimmers reached the individual finals, but the men's 4 x 200 metres freestyle team performed more than respectably in finishing sixth in a new British record of 7min 29.22sec (Cochran 1min 52.14sec (Scottish record), Easter 1:51.77, Davey 1:52.61 and Astbury 1:52.70).

MEN: 100m butterfly: 1, M Gross (WG), 54.00sec; 2, D Lopez-Zubero (Sp), 54.77; 3, A Markovski (USSR), 54.81. British non-qualifiers: P Hubble, 56.47 and D Lowe, 56.40.

100m butterfly consolation: 1, D Lowe (GB), 56.31; 5, P Hubble (GB), 56.32.

400m individual medley: 1, G Franceschi (It), 4min 20.41secs. (European record); 2, J Berndt (EG), 4:20.81; 3, J Hladky (Cz), 4:23.52. British non-qualifier: J Davey, 4:32.38.

4x100m individual medley consolation final: 1, J Davey (GB), 4:29.45.

4x200m freestyle relay: 1, West Germany, 7min 20.40secs (world record); 2, East Germany, 7:23.01; 3, Italy, 7:26.01; 6, Britain, 7:29.22.

Ten-metre dive: Qualifiers for final. 1, D Ambartsumian (USSR), 571.02pts; 2, V Troshin (USSR), 541.95; 3, D Waskow (EG), 532.62; 4, P Georgiev (Bul), 525.99; 5, S Haage (EG), 523.68; 6, D Rinaldi (It), 521.61; F de Angelis (It), 508.29; 8, C Snode (GB), 507.54; 9, J Vegard (Nor), 505.11; 10, D Doerr (WG), 488.96; 12, T Lemaire (Bel), 481.47. British non-qualifier: 13, N Stanton, 468.17.

WOMEN: 200m Freestyle: 1, B Neinake (EG), 1min 59.45sec; 2, A Strauss (EG), 2:00.16; 3, C Van Bentum (Neth), 2:00.61; British placing: 4, J Croft, 2:00.99. British non-qualifier: F Ross, 2:08.30. 200m Freestyle consolation final: British placing: 2, F Ross, 2:04.39. 200m Breaststroke: 1, U Geweniger (EG), 2:30.64; 2, S Gerasch (EG), 2:30.67; 3, O Zelankova (USSR), 2:33.10. British non-qualifier: G Stanley, 2:40.47. Three-metre Springboard: 1, B Baldus (EG), 499.89pts; 2, T Aliablava (USSR), 493.14; 3, D Jongejanaz (Neth), 461.10. British placing: 8, A Childs, 425.61.

● Caracas (Reuter) – The United States men's relay team broke the 4 x 100 metres medley world record by more than four tenths of a second at the Pan-American games here on Monday night.

PAN-AMERICAN GAMES

Drug test scandal

Caracas, Venneznela (AP) – Fourteen track and field athletes from the United States left the Pan American Games yesterday and four more weightlifters, including a triple gold medal-winning American, have been stripped of their medals.

Eight weightlifters now have been stripped of medals for illegal use of steroids. The latest names announced are those of Jeff Michaels, of the United States, who won three golds in the 243-pound class, Jose Adarmes Paez, of Venezuela, who won two bronze medals, Enrique Montiel, of Nicaragua, winner of two bronze medals, and Jaques Oliger, of Chile, who won three silver medals.

The Pan American Organization said their names, as those of four other weightlifters penalized on Monday, had been turned over to their national Olympic committees and the International Weightlifting Federation for possible sanctions that could keep them out of the 1984 Olympics.

No official reason was given for the departure of the United States athletes yesterday , the day their competition was to begin. It could not be determined whether any of them had actually undergone drug tests, but the announcement was coupled with a strong statement warninggn against using banned substances to improve performances.

The names of the athletes were not released, and a statement issued by the United States Mission at the Games, said merely that the athletes "have chosen not to participate in the games."

The statement added: "Their individual decisions to withdraw should not be taken as an implication of guilt or interpreted in any similar mannar manner". Sanctions against any athlete any found in violation of banned substance codes could contain penalties that could keep them from competing in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles."

FOOTBALL

Grimes chooses Coventry

David Pleat, the Luton Town manager, accepted defeat yesterday in the race with Coventry City to sign Manchester United's Republic of Ireland international Ashley Grimes.

Grimes has told Pleat he intends to sign for Coventry. "It's a shame because Ashley is a very good player with a lot of commitment, but he's chosen to go elsewhere.," Pleat said.

● West Bromwich Albion have completed the £125,000 transfer of Ken McNaught from Aston Villa, and he will face his former colleagues on the opening day of the season.

McNaught won a League championship and a European Cup winners medal in his six years at Villa. His partner against Villa at Villa Park will probably be Martyn Bennett, whose pre-season has been restricted because of a stress fracture. Ally Robertson, the club captain, will be out because of a one-match suspension carried over from last season.

● Willie Young yesterday joined Norwich City from Nottingham Forest for £40,000. With Steve Walford leaving for West Ham, and Aage Hareide injured, Young seems certain to line with Dave Watson in the heart of the Norwich defence at Sunderland on Saturday.

● Lincoln City have paid £22,500 to sign Chester's 25-year-old forward John Thomas, who scored 24 goals last season.

Grimes: no to Luton

● Blackpool have signed Billy O'Rourke, former England Youth international goalkeeper from Burnley on loan. He will cover for Gary Pierce, who broke a bone at the base of his thumb in training.

● Cardiff City have recruited Chris Roden from Brighton, and Andy Rollings from Portsmouth, on a month's trial. Rollings will cover for Phil Dwyer, who broke his jaw in training last week.

● Neil Robinson, the Swansea City midfielder, has been passed fit to face FC Magdeburg, of East Germany, in tonight's European Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round tie at Vetch Field. Robinson, troubled recently by a thigh strain, came safely through training session.

Swansea immediately named Robinson in a 16-strong squad for the first leg match, although Colin Irwin and Gary Chivers, the former Chelsea player, are not included. Irwin has a thigh strain, Chivers a groin injury.

GOLF

A champagne occasion

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent

Dale Reid, from Scotland, put the lead on the first day of the Cotswold Womens' professional tournament with a round of 69 yesterday, five under par for the 5471 yards Lilley Brook course, near Cheltenham.

If 74 seems a generous par, particularly on a course offering greens of velvet and fairways of grass, it was a splendid round of golf. She leads by 2 strokes from six players on 71.

Miss Reid is a prodigious hitter – she won a jeroboam of champagne for her 251 yards drive at the first with no help from slope or wind – and six par fives were clearly at her mercy in the still conditions. Two of them escaped, but a seven-iron was the longest club she needed at the other four and all yielded birdies.

Muriel Thomson, the leader in this year's order of merit, had her fellow Scot in her sights at the tail of the field, standing at five under par after 15 holes.

Elizabeth Glass, of Zimbabwe, had the most adventurous round, for she had to recover from fives at two of the short holes. Since she took four at another she was collectively five over par for the short holes. Her haul back began with a 9 iron to 15 feet at the fourth, the first of three successive birdies.

LEADING SCORES:
69: D Reid.
71: C Sharp, J Smurthwaite, E Glass (Zim), M Thomson, Julie Smith, June Smith.
72: K Ehrnlund (Swe), M Walker.
73: D Dowling, B Lewis, D Hastings, C Flom (US).
74: C Langford, S Lambie, J Rumsey, J Lawrence, S Latham, T Fernando (Sri Lanka).
75: M Marshall (US), B Cooper, V Marvin, K Bauer (US), J Statham.

Woman with magic touch

Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden, is the player to watch in the British Women's 72-hole strokeplay championship which starts today at Moortown. Two years ago, in what was her first senior tournament, Miss Neumann, then 15 years old, astonished the golfing world by winning the Swedish Women's Open stroeplay championship at Jönköping by a record margin of nine shots.

Viveca Hoff, who finished second and is similarly entered for this championship, asked at the time: "What does she have in her bag, clubs or magic wands?"

Sally Prosser and Clare Woodhouse who, after running into fog en route from Surrey, arrived 15 minutes after yesterday's signing on deadline of 12 o'clock, and were disqualified.

Inevitably, there were those who pointed to the recent British women's matchplay championship at Silloth when Gillian Stewart of Scotland had her excuse for arriving 10 minutes late accepted, but Mrs Margot Bauer, the chairman of the LGU, was quick to provide an explanation. After that somewhat controversial Silloth decision there had been a meeting and it was decided that, in future, there would be no such thing as "extenuating circumstances".

SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO: Women's World Championship: Leading final scores: (US unless stated): 282: J Carner 73, 73, 67, 69. 284: A Okamoto (Jap) 71, 69, 75, 70. 288: P Bradley 72, 73, 70, 73. 289: D White 70, 73, 70, 73.

AMERICA'S CUP: CONTROVERSY DEEPENS BEFORE FINAL TRIALS

Victory may take to water without the fins that are rocking US boat

By Barry Pickthall

Peter de Savary, head of the British Victory syndicate, is undecided about Victory' 83 racing in the final elimination trials which start on Sunday with the controversial fins that were added to the bottom of her keel for her last semi-final against Australia II on Monday.

The experiment was not a total success The British 12 metre, which had shown in previous encounters that she could match the Australian "superboat". Trailed from start to finish and lost by 1 minute 26 seconds. At a press conference in Newport, Rhode Island after Australia's 44th win in 49 races Mr de Savary chided Mark Vinbury, an American of the supposed by impartial three man international measurement committee, for his breach of confidentiality in reporting the addition of these fins to the United States Yacht Racing Union immediately after inspecting Ian Howlett design at *7.30 on Monday morning when* he agreed that these addition did not affect the yacht's flotation or her rated draught and that her original certificate *of measurement could remain* unchanged.

"Had Vinbury voiced any doubts or objections to these attachments to the base of Victory's keel", Mr de Savary said, "the fins would have been removed immediately before the yacht raced." With no such doubts expressed, the boat left the dock at 9.30 am for the racecourse and her match against Australia.

Shortly afterwards a letter was delivered by Mr Vinbury along with a copy of a letter that he had written to the USYRU immediately after leaving the Victory dock. It said the addition of fins to Victory's keel constituted a peculiarity under the 12-metre rules and rendered the yacht's racing certificate incomplete and thus invalid.

Mr de Savary said that Mr Howlett had been developing the fins since January, 1982, first in wind tunnel and tank tests at Southampton and later on Australia. Victory's trial horse, bought from Alan Bond *after her defeat by the Americans* in the 1980 Cup series.

Victory '83 was designed to allow fins and when she was *measured before shipment to* America this was brought to the attention of the measurers, who *made no adverse comment.* And at the pre-trial measurement in June the International Measurement Committee, which included Mr Vinbury, agreed with Mr Howlett that the addition of wings would not affect Victory's rating.

Mr de Savary said his syndicate considered Victory *'83 a 12-metre yacht with or* without fins and that the USYRU had no authority to issue instructions to them. He resented such pressure and *considered the judgment of the* International Union final.

Mr De Savary: resentful

RUGBY UNION

All Black tour of Britain in autumn

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

New Zealand, who toured in Britain over three successive seasons between 1978 and 1980, return again this autumn. Details of their itinerary, which replaces a *scheduled visit to Argentina, have* yet to be finalised, but the All Blacks will play eight games, two of them internationals, in England and Scotland.

They will come as 4-0 winners of the international series against the British Lions this summer and as holders of the Bledisloe Cup, which they retained by defeating Australia in Sydney last Saturday. They are *due to arrive on October 20, five* days after the end of Canada's visit to England, and it is reasonable to assume that the internationals would be played on November 12 and 19.

When New Zealand made their last major tour to Britain, in 1978, they won all four internationals. In 1979 they beat England and Scotland and in 1980 they beat Wales during the Welsh centenary season. It seems a pity that, on this occasion, no fixture can be arranged with Ireland, who are co-holders of the international championship and had such a strong presence with the Lions in New Zealand. In addition, Willie John McBride, manager of the Lions, takes up new duties as Ireland's coach this coming season and would doubtless have been delighted to renew acquaintance *with the summer's opponents.*

For England and Scotland it will be an opportunity to test their *playing strength before the international championship* begins in January, while Wales, too, have such an opportunity when they play Romania on November 12. It is conceivable that New Zealand will send a weakened team since reports from Wellington indicate that four of their senior players, Loveridge, Wilson, Dalton, the captain, and Haden, may not be available.

The first touring party to arrive in Britain in the new season, however, will be Zimbabwe, who yesterday *named a party of 22 for their three-*week visit to Kenya. Spain and Britain. Zimbabwe have played six games during the summer, against Bristol, the John Player Cup holders, Moseley and Moscow Slava, and lost only once, to Bristol.

Zimbabwe play Kenya in Nairobi on August 31 before travelling to Europe, where they will play Spain in Madrid and then begin their five-match tour of England and Wales with a game against Bristol on September 7. They will be captained by Rod Gray, a flanker, who will have with him four forwards who visited England for a six-match tour *in 1980. Rob Halstead, Geoff* Mordt, Mike Martin and Neville Jenkinson. Halstead, a 32-year-old prop, is the oldest member of the party and David Bennett, a 19-year-old utility back, the youngest. Five members of the party come from the national club champions, Old Hararians.

ZIMBABWEAN PARTY: K Ziehl, D Delport, S Osborne, B Coetzee, E Barrett, R Ashley-Cooper, B Cogill, H Wallace, D Bennett, D Heffer, R Halsted, G Mordt, B Barritt, N Parkin, N Kloppers, M Martin, R Gray (captain), N Jenkinson, C Mann, L Bray, M Sawyer, C Goodison.

RACING

Chance to rescue a princely reputation

By John Karter

When Sandhurst Prince cruised to victory in the Waterford Crystal Mile at Goodwood last season he looked every inch a champion at that distance. His third place behind Green Forest and The Wonder in *the Prix du Moulin* at Longchamp must therefore have disappointed connexions, albeit that those two French colts were themselves giants in the milling sphere.

Sandhurst Prince's only subsequent run last year was an obviously below-par effort behind *the 50-1 winner, Buzzard's Bay in* the mud at Ascot in September. Since then, Sandhurst Prince has been kept under wraps at Pulborough – with good reason. He has been an extremely sick horse as a result of a liver infection. But Guy Harwood, his trainer, said yesterday that his handsome four-year-old was fighting fit again and he believes that Sandhurst Prince is ready to put the shine back on his tarnished reputation in this year's running of the Waterford Crystal on Saturday.

Certainly Sandhurst Prince will need to be at his very best to take this valuable prize again. His opponents include Noalcoholic, who hated the hard ground when unplaced in France recently, but who had previously crushed the best milers in the country in the Sussex Stakes over the same course and distance as the Waterford Crystal race. It is also likely that a certain Gorytus (never heard of him, you may cry) will be attempting once more to justify his "wonder horse" *tag after his critics eat at least a few* of their words when fourth to Caerleon in the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup at York.

*Adonijah, Henry Cecil's progress*ive three-year-old, a horse his trainer regrets omitting from the *Benson and Hedges, is another* probable opponent for Sandhurst Prince.

Talk of top-class milers leads on to Horage, who let his supporters down *with a resounding thump* when fizzling out feebly behind Salieri at Newbury earlier this month. Indeed, Horage, who put up such a tigerish performance to win at Royal Ascot in June, ran so badly at Newbury that it seemed he might have been ailing. Matt McCromack, *his trainer, said yesterday, however,* that the only thing that had been bothering Horage was the left-hand turns at Newbury, and the fact that his colt had been racing on the wrong leg. McCormack added that Horage would go to France for the Prix du Moulin in a couple of weeks.

McCormack's mind will be on more mundane matters today when he sends a team to Bath for prizes that would barely keep the average French trainer in *escargots* for a week. The sprightly Irishman's main chance appears to lie with his two-year-old filly, Nieka, in the Tog Mill Maiden Stakes. Nieka ran promisingly in her first and only race behind Nawal at Windsor, and McCormack is more than hopeful that she will beat the almost certain *favourite, Ascot Strike.*

Deauville sale sets French record

From Desmond Stoneham, Deauville.

The Deauville Select Yearling Sale which drew to a close in the small hours of Tuesday morning set new records for a French sale. As is the vogue these days, the previous year's aggregate, average and individual record price were comfortably exceeded. This was largely due to the combined *influence of strong overseas buyers* and a weak Franc.

At 4.6m francs (£400,000) the Arctic Tern filly, Actress, as reported yesterday, scooped the pool. She was bought by the British Bloodstock Agency on Sunday night for the Greek shipping magnate, Stavros Niarchos.

On Monday, it was the turn of Robert Sangster to dominate the proceedings. His agent, Pat Hogan, bid the two top prices of the night – 2.9m francs for a Sharpen Up filly out of Rivermande, and the other for a Pitskelly filly out of La Paquelin who fetched 2.7m.

Both fillies will join Actress in training at Chantilly. The record-breaker goes to François Boutin while the Sangster purchases are to be trained by Olivier Douieb.

A total of 108 lots were sold over the two days for 83,545,000 francs (about £7.25m). This was nearly a 55 per cent increase on the previous year. The sales average of 773,056 francs (£67,000) was up by some 45 per cent on 1982, which must have delighted the organizers, the Agence Française de Vente du Pur Sang.

● Frank Dunne, the Dublin trainer, denied rumours yesterday that all was not well with his mare Stanerra. Christopher Goulding writes. "She is very well and will run in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Her warm-up race will probably be the Joe McGrath Memorial Stakes at Leopardstown", Dunne said.

After the Arc Stanerra has an ambitious racing programme in America and then she will be retired to the paddocks.

El Hakim impresses

An armchair ride on El Hakim in the Fee Farm Maiden Stakes at Yarmouth yesterday gave Lester Piggott his ninety-ninth winner this season. Shaikh Mohammed's $475,000 colt, at the prohibitive odds of 5-2 on for his debut, looked very inexperienced, but outclassed his 10 rivals.

Piggott struck the front on El Hakim at the two-furlong marker and the son of the Derby winner, Roberto, accelerated smoothly to win without being extended by four lengths from Amal Lees Hope, who was half a length ahead of Sharp Remark. "It was a nice introduction, for he was not quite ready yet for a hard race", his trainer Henry Cecil said.

David Oughton, the Findon trainer, landed his first treble, at odds of 928-1, with Tompion, Transient and Bold Dealer at Fontwell Park yesterday.

Bath

Draw advantage: Low numbers best.

2.0 HOLIDAY STAKES (Selling: £926: 1m 8yd) (9 runners)

1	00-0000	LEIOTRICHOUS (G Dedmen) M Blanshard 4-9-0	R Cochrane	9
3	402201	SANDAAN (W H Jones) D H Jones 4-9-0	P Cook	2
6	200400	TIN BOY (D Allen) I Balding 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	6
7	0-00130	TUDOR BELL STAR (B) (K Bell) D Wintle 4-9-0	D Dineley	5
10	00000-0	RUDRY PARK (B Allen) D H Jones 4-8-11	R Hills 3	7
11	000000	RUSTLE OF SPRING (A Pitt) R Griffiths 4-8-11	G Starkey	3
12	000-003	BAJAN BOY (A Marriott) J Jenkins 3-8-7	–	8
13	0000-00	COMASCAN (S Mullen) D Wintle 3-8-7	N Howe 3	4
18	400-200	RATHDOWNEY MAY (J King) M McCormack 3-8-4	W Newnes	1

5-2 Tin Boy, 3 Sandaan, 9-2 Bajan Boy, 6 Rathdowney May, 8 Tudor Belle Star, 10 Rustle Of Spring, 12 Leitrichous, 20 others.

2.30 TOG HILL STAKES (2-Y-O maiden fillies: £1,332: 5f 167yd) (15)

4	3	ASCOT STRIKE (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	10
6	0	BOEZINGE (Capt M Smyly) M Smyly 8-11	J Mercer	9
7	0	CARREG-WENNOL (Mrs S Rees) B Palling 8-11	N Day	7
8		CATHERINE'S CHASE (Maj-Gen Sir G Burns) J Tree 8-11	Pat Eddery	2
10		DUBLIN GIRL (Mrs C Howard) P M Taylor 8-11	N Howe 3	4
14	0	NEVER SAY YES (I Meldrum) C Nelson 8-11	–	14
15	0	NIEKA (D Brodie) M McCormack 8-11	G Ramshaw	1
19	00	PORTHAND (C Scott) R Holder 8-11	R Fox	8
21	00	ROYAL SNAKE (D James) B Palling 8-11	B Rouse	11
22	3	SAINTLY WAY (Lady Clague) Thomson Jones 8-11	P Cook	3
23		SARAH'S JOY (S Gallagher) R Holder 8-11	M Moseley 7	6
27	0	SYLVAN PARK (T Lyons III) S Matthews 8-11	A McGlone 3	5
28	0	TAPIOLA (Mrs F Browne) B Hills 8-11	–	13
29	00	TITIANELLO (G Longson) J Holt 8-11	P Waldron	15
30		TREKKING (R Denton) Mrs C Reavey 8-11	D Mckay	12

11-4 Ascot Strike, 7-2 Saintly Way, 9-2 Catherine's Chase, 6 Nieka, 8 Tapiola, 10 Boezinge, 12 Titianello, 20 others.

3.0 BE HOPEFUL HANDICAP (£2,958: 1m 8yd) (10)

1	031110	PORTOGON (C) (T Marshall) M Usher 5-9-10	D Mckay	8
2	013040	THE RIPLEYITE (E Clapton) G Balding 4-9-5	–	2
4	001130	CABALLO (Tweddle French Group) K Brassey 4-8-13	M Hills 3	6
5	12440d	MERELY A SECRET (C Karpidas) P Walwyn 3-8-6	N Howe 3	1
7	00323-0	PALLOMERE (B) (E Badger) W Musson 4-8-2	W Carson	3
8	034-000	PRINCE OF SPAIN (G Brunton) P M Taylor 8-7-8	R Hills 3	10
9	234000	HIYA JUDGE (E Annetts) A Bailey 5-7-8	S Dawson 5	7
10	0000-24	TOP OF THE MARK (W Francis) N Kernick 5-7-7	R Street	4
11	040442	MAGIC MINK (B) (S Marks) R Holder 3-7-7	R Fox	5
12	40000/0	FAIR GLORY (Mrs P Jones) D Wintle 5-7-7	N Adams 7	9

3 Portogan, 4 Merely A Secret, 5 The Ripleyite, 6 Caballo, 7 Top Of The Mark, 8 Hiya Judge, 12 Magic Mink, Pallomere, 20 others.

3.30 BRISTOL HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,149: 7f) (13)

2	20130	REFLECTION (The Queen) I Balding 9-7	Pat Eddery	13
3	012004	HOLT ROW (G Cooke) M McCormack 9-7	W R Swinburn	7
4	02030	MR CHROMACOPY (B) (J Vickers) G Harwood 9-6	G Starkey	1
10	100	MONKEY TRICKS (H Oppenheimer) H Candy 8-13	W Newnes	11
11	2103	MY CHARADE (T McCarthy) Mrs B Waring 8-12	S Keightley 7	9
13	4000	BARNUM (Ld H de Walden) P Walwyn 8-10	J Mercer	3
14	100001	SOLVA (D) (D Garfield) Mrs C Reavey 8-9 (7 ex)	M Hills 3	12
15	44141	SPARKLING SONG (C) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn 5	2
17	0031	SURFING ERA (J Oakden) Mrs C Reavey 8-4	D Mckay	10
19	002	FILLE DE BOURBON (C Wright) D Laing 8-2	A McGlone 3	8
21	040	FLY FREE (H Joel) A Ingham 8-2	R Hills 3	6
24	004100	MONDOODLE (Mrs E Mitchell 7-10	–	5
25	41104	STOCK HILL LAD (Mrs M Fairbairn) M Blanshard 7-10	N Adams 7	4

7-2 Fille De Bourbon, 9-2 Reflection, 5 Mr Chromacopy, 6 Solva, 7 Monkey Tricks, 8 Holt Row, 10 Surfing Era, 12 Sparkling Song, 14 Barnum, 20 others.

4.0 MENDIP HANDICAP (£1,859: 1m 5f 12yd) (5)

1	301020	SEABATTLE (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 4-9-10	J Mercer	4
4	0-02013	KATIE KOO (C) (Ld Suffolk) B Hills 3-9-0	Pat Eddery	
5	002014	BRIDGADIER HAWK (CD) (A Richards) C Austin 5-8-13	W Carson	3
7	0/40100	NATIONAL IMAGE (C) (J Soles) M Tate 5-8-11	P Cook	1
10	002003/	LIGHT OF ZION (R Manning) J Old 6-7-10	R Fox	2

6-4 Katie Koo, 11-4 Seabattle, 7-2 Brigadier Hawk, 10 National Image, 12 Light Of Zion.

4.30 PENNSYLVANIA STAKES (3-Y-O maidens: £1,260: 1m 3f 150yd) (9)

3	00	COURTFIELD (Miss C Maytag) D Arbuthnot 9-0	W R Swinburn	3
5	00-300	GREAT SHADOW (Dr C Vittadini) P Walwyn 9-0	J Mercer	8
6	0-30	JACK RAMSEY (M Stewkesbury) M McCormack 9-0	G Ramshaw	4
7		LASTIQUE (Mrs S Hool) N Kernick 9-0	J Williams	2
10	002342	WILDHORN (B) (R Cyzer) H Candy 9-0	W Newnes	5
17	033030	GLORIA MUNDI (Mrs J Bricken) R Baker 8-11	R Fox	1
20	00-000	MISS BRODIE (A Richards) C Austin 8-11	B Rouse	6
21	0-2043	MYTINIA (B) (Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	7
25	0	WATER EATON GAL (I Kenwood) M Tate 8-11	S Keightley 7	9

7-4 Mytinia, 5-2 Wildhorn, 11-2 Great Shadow, 7 Jack Ramsey, 10 Courtfield, 12 Gloria Mundi, 20 others.

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2.0 Tin Boy. 2.30 Nieka. 3.0 Merely A Secret. 3.30 Reflection. 4.0 Brigadier Hawk. 4.30 Mytinia.

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2.30 Saintly Way. 3.0 Pullomere.

Beverley

Draw advantage: high numbers best

2.15 TOLL GAVEL HANDICAP (selling: £725: 1m) (10 runners)

1	03-0002	PITRASI (B) (Mrs K Richardson) D Garraton 4-9-10	S Donkin 7	7
2	002000	JOLLY BURGLAR (B) (F Carr) E Carter 4-9-9	J Carr 7	10
3	012000-	NO FLUKE (F Yardley) F Yardley 3-9-8	T Rogers	4
5	214412	TIME FOR A LAUGH (D) (F Lee) R Hollinshead 3-9-5	S Parks	9
6	012-000	TUBES CARE (B) (A French) Hbt Jones 4-9-2	J Reid	6
9	0-20034	MARSH TRACK (Mrs V Haigh) W Haigh 3-8-1	T Ives	1
11	000-000	CHARLOTTE AMALIE (S Falcus) A Smith 4-8-13	N Connorton	8
13	0000-00	BENGAL LANCER (Mrs A Chambers) Miss L Siddall 3-8-10	G Gosney	5
14	000-000	PROVANHILL GIRL (J Provan) T Taylor 3-8-10	J Seagrave	3
16	0000-	MOONLIGHT BAY (R Smalley) M Lambert 3-8-6	P Marrin 7	2

7-4 Time For A Laugh, 11-4 Pitrasi, 4 Marsh Track, 6 Tubes Care, 10 Jolly Burglar, 14 others.

2.45 KIRKELLA HANDICAP (£2,110: 7f) (16)

2	140-00	ROTHERLEIGH (C) (H Pickering) J Leigh 3-9-10	N Connorton	3
6	012022	ROYAL DUTY (CD) (C Maxsted) E Weymes 5-9-5	Paul Eddery	14
8	000130	PRINCESS VIRGINIA (D) (P Barrett) R Hollinshead 4-9-3	S Perks	1
10	400143	THE GREY BUCK (D) (D Moore) T Barron 3-9-0	S Webster	15
12	0-00004	A LA VAI (Easthavon Stables) J Spearing 5-9-0	E Hide	11
14	000003	MERITOUS (CD) (D Hill) T Taylor 8-8-13	J Seagrave	13
15	222301	SPOILT FOR CHOICE (D) (W Chapman) D Chapman 5-8-12 (6 ex)	D Nicholls	2
16	200000	WITCH'S POINT (D) (W Ingram) M H Easterby 4-8-11	K Hodgson	12
19	022000	SMART MART (D) (T Folan) M Camacho 4-8-7	J Lowe	7
20	000-000	FOOTWORK (Sheikh Mohammed) R Houghton 3-8-7	J Reid	6
21	0400b-0	LEAP BRIDGE (D) (D Wright) Miss L Siddall 5-8-6	G Gosney	5
22	00-2323	SHOEBUTTON (N Kendall) Mrs G Reveley 4-8-6	M Fry 3	9
26	004041	MR ROSE (D) (B Bares) L Lightbrown 3-8-0 (6 ex)	A Proud	4
27	040000	MONSANTO LAD (G Briggs) K Stone 3-7-13	L Charnock	16
29	000000-	MARNIE'S GIRL (W Robson) A Smith 4-7-10	A Mackay	10
32	04/0000	GOLDEN HOLLY (R Wood) G Harman 5-7-8	N Carlisle 3	8

5-2 Royal Duty, 4 Smart Mart, 11-2 Meritous, 13-2 Shoebutton, Spoilt For Choice, 8 Mr Rose, 12 The Grey Buck, 15 others.

3.15 BEVERLEY SILVER SALVER HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,851: 7f) (11)

5	440412	SAMS WOOD (H Wright) T Fairhurst 9-7	S Webster	11
6	0131	COQUITO'S STAR (A Alvarado) B Hanbury 9-7 (7 ex)	G Duffield	2
8	00120	DERRYGOLD (W Tunstall) R Peacock 9-5	T Ives	6
9	202	WELL RIGGED (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 9-1	M Birch	9
10	0012	MR MEEKA (B) (Mrs S Brook) S Norton 8-13	J Lowe	1
12	0000	DONNYSNOOKERCENTRE (J Coxon) E Weymes 8-12	Paul Eddery	4
15	432	PERSHING (J Rowles) J Leigh 8-8	N Connorton	5
18	040	MISS MAUD (Lady H de Walden) E Weymes 8-3	M Fry 3	10
20	012	DANCING ORANGE (M Hill) A Balding 8-1	M Fozzard 7	3
21	3000	ROSE D'ANJOU (P Piper) W Holden 7-12	A Nesbitt 3	7
22	0043	HOLME RIVER (B) (G Barker) W Bentley 7-7	N Carlisle 3	8

2 Mr Meeka, 100-30 Well Rigged, 5 Dancing Orange, 13-2 Coquito's Star, 8 Pershing, 12 Sams Wood, Derrygold, 16 others.

3.45 BEVERLEY STAKES (amateurs: £986: 2m) (10)

1	000000	MARKIE (K Beddington) R E Peacock 7-10-13	Carman Peacock 5	9
5	00/0-00	CLARENDON (R Phillips) F Yardley 6-10-10	Sarah Yardley 5	2
6	010420	GRAPHICS SOLAR (D) (Mrs M Fletcher) B McMahon 5-10-10	Mr E McMahon 5	7
7	000010/	HASSI R'MEL (R Griffiths) F Yardley 5-10-10	T Stephenson 5	10
9	1-11221	MISTY HALO (C) (Mrs C Philipson) M Prescott 4-10-10	Elain Mellor	3
12	3/	SHOEMENDER (P Murphy) F Watson 6-10-10	D Franks 5	5
16	302-034	EXCAVATOR LADY (F Hines) Mrs M Nesbitt 4-10-7	F Hines 5	6
18	0	MARK EDELSON (M Parrish) J Jefferson 6-10-6	T Etherington 5	8
19	/00-000	FIONAS PRIDE (Mrs J Vaughan) E Carter 4-10-3	Alison Vaughan 5	1
24	2	PRINCE OF PEACE (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-9-11	Franca Vittadini	4

4-5 Prince Of Peace, 13-8 Misty Halo, 12 Graphics Solar, 16 Excavator Lady, 20 Shoemender, 25 others.

4.15 NORTH BAR STAKES (3-y-o: maiden: £1,124: 1m) (13)

1	0000-00	ALLODIUM (G Leatham) M W Easterby 9-0	M Birch	12
3	0020	BIONDONI (A Duffield) J McNaughton 9-0	T Jarvis 5	9
4	000-000	BROKENCROSS (B) (W Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 9-0	I Johnson	4
6	008	GARABANDAL (B) (Mrs M Tobin) A Balding 9-0	J Balding	10
8	020-000	HAPPY SEASON (Mrs E Savage) J Etherington 9-0	J Seagrave	6
10	244240	JOBROKE (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0	J Reid	3
11	04000-0	MAUJENDOR (Mrs D Mills) C Brittain 9-0	–	5
15	40-0	SOLAR LIGHT (B) (K Abdulla) W Elsey 9-0	T Ives	8
16	0040-34	WHISTLE HILL (J Eggleston) C Thornton 9-0	J Bleasdale	1
20		CHATLEY'S SEEDLING (D Hall) T Taylor 8-11	G Idroyd	13
22	00-20	HELAPLANE (R Sangster) Thomson Jones 8-11	T Rogers	7
24	40-0304	MARTON MAID (R Hopton) S Wiles 8-11	D Nicholls	11
27	0-00339	SHERCOL (Mrs P Sherwin) R Hollinshead 8-11	W Ryan 5	2

15-8 Helaplane, 3 Shercol, 5 Jobroke, 7 Whistle Hill, 10 Solar Light, 16 Maujendor, 20 others.

4.45 WALKINGTON STAKES (maidens: £1,076: 2m) (10)

8	000/0-0	STRIKE AGAIN (P Mellor) F Watson 5-9-8	M Fry 3	1
12	0	COCKED HAT PIPPIT (Cocked Hat Farm Foods) Miss S Hall 4-6-6	M Birch	8
14	/00030-	T BELLE (F Yardley) F Yardley 4-9-8	T Rogers	7
16	232023	ATAMAN (Baroness H Thyssen) R Houghton 3-8-8	J Reid	9
18	000-000	CRAY (S Taberner) P Felgate 3-8-8	D Nicholls	5
22	000334	MR MCGIFF (H Whitnall) S Norton 3-8-8	J Lowe	2
24	00-0333	TOM SHARP (W Wharton) W Wharton 3-8-8	G Duffield	6
25	420232	WHISKEY TIME (Mrs J Nicolaides) C Brittain 3-8-8	T Ives	10
26	00-02	WIDE MISSOURI (G Reed) C Thornton 3-8-8	J Bleasdale	3
30	0-000	MOONLIGHTING (Mrs P Boswell) P Calver 3-8-5	M Beecroft	4

11-8 Whisky Time, 5-2 Ataman, 11-2 Wide Missouri, 8 Tom Sharp, 12 Mr McGiff, 20 others.

5.15 ROUTH STAKES (2-y-o: maiden fillies: £1,131: 5f) (17)

1	00	ADDAANA (Maktoum Al Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-11	T Rogers	8
3	00	ANOTHER DEB (W Hall) P Haslam 8-11	G Sexton	9
6	000	BLUEGANBY (Mrs J Hobson) R Hobson 8-11	O Gray	10
7	32	CONRARA (D Brotherton) M H Easterby 8-11	M Irch	5
9	00026	FILL THE JUG (J Irving) T Fairhurst 8-11	C Coates 7	12
13	4000	HELMSTONE (J Rose) W Wharton 8-11	G Duffield	15
14	008	HERMITAGE WALK (G Morley) W Bentley 8-11	D Nicholls	16
15		LADY OF THE LAND (Mrs H Cotran) M Albina 8-11	A Murray	4
19		LINDRICK PASSION (Lindrick Stud) G Harman 8-11	G Kelly	2
21		MISS GOLDINGAY (Mrs P Wragg) M H Easterby 8-11	J Seagrave	1
23	40	MUSICAL ROSE (M Britain) D Plant 8-11	M Wigham	17
25		ODILE (Ld H de Walden) E Weymes 8-11	S Webster	6
26	0	PENDONA (E Badger) W Musson 8-11	T Ives	7
29	9	REENY LEE (R Lee) R Whitaker 8-11	N Carlisle 3	11
30		RIBOBELLE (T Chandler) R Thompson 8-11	S Morris 3	3
32	00	SEMPSTER (K Spindler) W Holden 8-11	A Mackay	14
36		WENSUM LASS (C Rogers) B Richmond 8-11	A Proud	13

1-2 Conrara, 4 Addaana, 8 Odile, 12 Another Deb, 14 Lady Of The Land, 20 others.

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2.15 Tubes Care. 2.45 Spoilt For Choice. 3.15 Mr Mecka. 3.45 Prince Of Peace. 4.15 Helaplane. 4.45 Wide Missouri. 5.15 Conrara.

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3.15 Coquito's Star. 3.45 Misty Halo. 4.15 Jobroke. 4.45 Whiskey Time. 5.15 Lady Of The Land.

Yarmouth results

Going: Firm

2.15 FEE FARM STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,035: 7f)

EL HAKIM b c by Roberto – Remedia (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 ..... L Piggott (2-5 fav) 1
Amal Lees Hope ..... P Cook (11-1) 2
Sharp Remark ..... P Young (25-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.70. Places: £1.20, £1.60, £3.30. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.12. H Cecil at Newmarket. 4l, ½l. Quiet Country (11-1) 4th. 11 ran.

2.45 HOLIDAY PLAYGROUND SELLING STAKES (selling: £662: 1m)

RITARIUS ch g by Wollow – Mellifont (C James) 4-9-3 ..... R Fox (11-1) 1
Impeccable Lady ..... P Eddington (3-1) 2
Devil Queen ..... T Ives (25-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £20.60. Places: £3.20, £1.10, £3.60. DF: £30.50. CSF: £39.93. C James at Newbury. 1½l, 2l. Angela Edelson (5-2) 4th. 9 ran. No bid.

3.15 FREDDIE STARR HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,075: 6f)

ROYSIA BOY b g by African Sky – For Keeps (P Martin) 8-3 ..... G Duffield (7-4 Fav) 1
Play Our Song ..... Gay Kelleway (8-1) 2
Quilting ..... G Baxter (100-30) 3

TOTE: Win £2.10. Places: £1.70, £3.10. DF: £3.90. CSF: £14.29. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. 1½l, 1l. Al Trui (7-1) 4th. 6 ran.

3.45 LENNIE BENNETT STAKES (2-y-o: Penalty Value: £1,442: 6f)

ADEEB b c. by Artaius – Calamarie (A Foustock) 8-11 ..... T Ives (2-1) 1
Paramaribo ..... E Hide (4-9 fav) 2
Burnt Ash ..... G Baxter (16-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.00. DF: £1.10. CSF: £3.17. W O'Gorman at Newmarket, sh hd. 8l. 3 ran.

4.15 WINDMILL THEATRE HANDICAP (£1,730: 1m 6f)

MISS ANNIE br f, by – Scottish Rifle (Mrs M Haslam) 3-8-1 ..... G Duffield (10-1) 1
Pearl Thyme ..... G Baxter (3-1) 2
Sole Gentille ..... R Fox (11-4 fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £8.20. Places: £2.50, £2.30. DF: £24.20. CSF: £38.27. P Haslam, at Newmarket. 1 1/2l, hd. Val Climber (3-1) 4th.

4.45 MARKET GATES STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £1,413: 1m 2f)

WOLLOW MAID ch f, by Wollow – Maid In Love (S Mear, jun) 8-11 ..... P Robinson (3-1) 1
Childown ..... W R Swinburn (7-4 fav) 2
Noble Camel ..... R Guest (8-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.20. Places: £2.10, £1.20. DF: £3.90. CSF: £8.67. M Ryan at Newmarket. 1/2l, 4l. Tugawave (8-1). 7 ran. TOTE DOUBLE: £81.60. TREBLE: £65.95. PLACEPOT: £144.35.

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Beverley: 2.15 Charlotte Amalie. 4.15 Garabandal. Solar Light. Bath: 3.0 Pallomere. 3.30 Mr Chromacopy. 4.30 Mytinia.

Fontwell Park

Going: Good to firm

2.0 OVING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HURDLE (selling: £753: 2m 2f)

ALLENDE b m by Grand Roi – Ocean Song (D Hunt) 9-10-9 ..... P Croucher (9-2 Fav) 1
Beaming Lass ..... W Knox (8-1) 2
Du Pont ..... C Mcllfatrick (33-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.40. Places: £1.50, £2.10, £12.00. DF: £21.00. CSF: £28.71. J Roberts at Tiveston. 12l, 2 1/2. Aspen Flare (12-1) 17 ran. Bought in 1,150gns.

2.30 ARUNDEL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,576: 2m 2f 110yds)

CAPTAIN DAWN b g by Dusky Boy – Fairtop (P Hopkins) 7-10-10 ..... R Rowe (11-2) 1
Double Step ..... P Barton (2-1 Fav) 2
Wang The Miller ..... H Davies (6-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £7.20. Places: £2.10, £1.50, £2.60. DF: £8.60. CSF: £16.22. Tricast: £61.49. J Gifford at Findon. 8l, 20l. White Heron (6-1) 4th. 10 ran. NR: South Of Alaska.

3.0 EARTHAM HURDLE (handicap: £1,615: 2m 6f)

TOMPION b g by Crozier – Valeria (A Sandeman) 9-11-10 ..... R Rowe (12-1) 1
City Link Express ..... Steve Knight (3-1) 2
Gazaan ..... R Hughes (12-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £18.30. Places: £2.70, £1.20, £2.40. DF: £59.70. CSF: £44.11. D Oughton at Findon. 1 1/2l, 4l. Retsel (2-1 Fav) 4th. 8 ran.

3.30 ALDINGBOURNE HURDLE (Novices. £774: 2m 2f)

TRANSIENT gr c by For The Moment – Cut Along (B Tyler) 4-10-3 ..... P Double (10-1) 1
Duke of Dollis ..... A Webber (3-1 fav) 2
Croc Na Cuille ..... R Rowe (13-2) 3

TOTE: Win: £8.80. Places: £3.00, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £26.90. CSF: £36.04. D Oughton at Findon. 1/2 l, 5l. Wicklow Star (7-2) 4th. 15 ran. NR: Pask Condition.

4.0 TANGMERE CHASE (Novices. £1,228: 2m 2f 110yd)

BOLD DEALER b g by Pitpan – Go Fort (B Tyler) 8-11-6 ..... R Rowe (11-2) 1
Paddy's Peril ..... P Barton (9-2 jt fav) 2
Hot Match ..... S Smith Eccles (9-2 jt fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.50. Places: £1.60, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £14.60. CSF: £27.50. D Oughton at Findon. 8l, 8l. Owen Gail (9-2 jt fav). Poos Excuse (50-1) 4th. 10 ran. Johnny Tarquin fin 3rd, disq.

4.30 FORD HURDLE (3-y-o: novices: £588: 2m 2f)

DHOFAR ch g by Octavo – Cress (Lt Col E Harries) 10-9 ..... S Smith Eccles (2-1 fav) 1
Bad Habits ..... R Campbell (5-1) 2
Charmed Lady ..... Steve Knight (12-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.30. Places: £1.10, £1.10, £3.40. DF: £7.10. CSF: £11.57. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. 8l. 10l. Troubadour (33-1) 4th. 8 ran. PLACEPOT: £110.95.

STATE OF GOING: Bath: hard. Beverley: firm. Tomorrow Brighton: firm. Devon: hard.

ATHLETICS

Palace coup by Cram?

Steve Cram may threaten Steve Ovett's world two mile record when he runs for England in the international bank holiday meeting at Crystal Palace on August 29. Cram insists that he in not interested in record breaking but he could be pushed close to his rival's *record – set on the same track in* 1978 – in the match against Norway, Hungary and Scotland.

A record may depend on whether Cram, the world champion at 1,500 metres, suffers any adverse affects from an Achilles tendon injury

Ovett will continue to keep a low profile. He will be competing only as a member of the 4 x 400 metres relay squad as he prepares himself for a possible attempt to break either his own 1,500 metres world record or Sebastian Coe's mile *world record*

TEAM: 100m: M MacFarlane, D Reid; 200m: Reid, T Bennett; 400m: P Brown, K Akabusi; 800m: P Elliott, R Harrison; 2,000m: C Reitz, T Hutchings; Two miles: S Cram, E Martin; 2,000m steeplechase: G Fell, D Lewis; 110m hurdles: M Holtom, L Cowan; 400m hurdles: S Sole, G Oakes; Pole vault: K Stock; 4x100m relay squads: M Powell, G Thomas, M Morris, Reid, Macfarlane, G Wilson, E Cutting, M Towers, E Tulloch, P Ashen; 4x400m relay squads: G Cook, S Heard, Brown, C Hamilton, C Moseley, N Kitchen, A Bennett, S Ovett, N Jackson, K Bentham, R Dickens, B Dickens, P Dunn, E Gakes, S Thomas, V Esprey, C Thompson; High jump: P McDonnell, A Kruger; Long jump: D Brown, G Burgess; Triple jump: K Connor, J Herbert; Shot: M Winch, N Tabor; Discus: P Gordon, P Mardle; Hammer: R Weir, P Dickenson; Javelin: D Ottley, R Bradstock.

Cram: still worried by an Achilles tendon injury

Lewis leads the cavalcade of stars

Zurich (AP) – American sprinter and long jumper and Mary Decker, victor of the 1,500 and 3,000 metres at Helsinki, are the biggest crowd-pullers among the 290 athletics from 30 countries competing here tommorrow night.

Miss Decker says she will attempting to break the world 3,000 metres record. Her personal best is 8 minutes 29 seconds while the world record stands at 8:26.78.

Despite the absence of the Soviet Union, East Germany and Czechoslovakia, the pull of the star-studded field has broken ticket sales records. Some 23,000 spectators will see eight gold medal winners from the Helsinki world championships, 22 other medal winners and five world record holders.

Despite a concentration of talent in the mens running events, Britain's Steve Cram, the 1,500 world record holder, Steve Ovett and Sebastian Coe will be here nor will Ireland's Eamonn Coglan, the 5,000 metres world champion nor porbably, Italy's Alberto Cova, the 10,000 metres world champion.

But Allan Wells may line up in the 100 and 200 metres agianst such as Lewis Calvin Smith, Mel Lattany and Emmit King. Edwin Moses, the United State's unsurpassed world champion at 400 metres hurdles faces a challenging field, including West Germany's Harald Schmid, silver medallist at Helsinki. Schmid is European champion with a time of 47.85 seconds and won in London with 48.56 but will have difficulty defeating Moses who in 1980 set the world record at 47.13.

Lewis is undoubtedly the star attraction, though. Along with his sister, Caroll, who is competing in the long jump, and Moses, he has been attracting spectators while teaching schoolchildren at the Zurich stadium.

HOCKEY

Russians in semi-finals

From Sydney Friskin
Amsterdam

Although the group matches will be completed today, it is now *certain that The Netherlands, the* Soviet Union, West Germany and Spain have qualified for the semi-*final round of the European* championship.

The Soviet Union, who were *sixth in the 1982 World Cup in* Bombay, are now among the top four in Europe, which represents *remarkable progress since they first* appeared on the international scene in 1970.

The Netherlands finished on top of group B and the Soviet Union were second on goal difference: but until the Germans meet Spain today we shall not know the winners of group A. The Germans lead at present on goal difference and a draw with Spain will keep them there. *In the semi-finals the winners* of group A meet the runners-up in group B and the winners of group B *play the runners-up in group A.*

The Soviet Union made sure of their place among the last four by beating Scotland 4-1 yesterday. The score was not an index of the run of play. *The Scots made a fine start,* took the lead, and restricted their opponents to a 2-1 lead until nine *minutes* before the end.

The Scottish manager, Neil Buxton, was a little upset over the award of three short corners to the Soviet Union in the second half, although he did not dispute the penalty stroke which enabled the opposition to take a 3-1 lead. McPherson's *right foot came* in the way of a hit from a short corner and Zigangarov converted the penalty.

Scotland *took their opponents by* surprise when Tom Hay scored from a scramble which followed a long corner *in* the second minute. Goncharov scroed two goals and Zigangarov two for the Soviet *Union.*

The match between Ireland and Belgium ended in stalemate

CYCLING

Teenager's triumph

By John Wilcockson

*The 1983 world track champion*ships opened in sensational fashion yesterday in Zurich when Victor *Koupovets,* of the Soviet Union, and Bernd Ditert, of East Germany, both shattered the championship record *in the* amateur 4,000 metres pursuit. The two riders both dipped under 4 minutes 40 seconds, a barrier that has not been beaten previously on an outdoor track.

Koupevetz, aged 19, is competing at his first world championships. He showed no signs of nerves and confidently followed the instructions of his coach to record 4 min 37.75 sec, a fraction outside the indoor world record he set in Moscow a month ago.

Ditert, with 4 min 38.93, made up *for the East Germans' disappoint*ment in the non-qualification of Detlef Macha, the 1982 world *champion, who faded dramatically* during his final kilometre to record 4:50.81.

Ironically, it was almost exactly this time (4 min 51) for which Shaun Wallace, the British champion, had planned in the thirteenth of the nineteen heats. Wallace did 4 min 49.86, but it was sadly 0.77 seconds too slow to qualify for the final sixteen.

The Southampton graduate was upset, partly because his split times *showed that perhaps he could have* gone a little faster.

There was disappointment, too, for Terry Tinsley, in the Keirin. In his heat, he came through strongly in the finishing straight to beat two of the favourites, Urs Freuler of Switzerland, and Shane Sutton, of Australia. On the electronic score-board, the British rider was marked up as third, which would have qualified him for the final.

He returned to the changing rooms, and was about to ride back to the team's hotel when the ten riders were called up for the repechage – including Tinsley. There had been a mistake on the scoreboard and the photo-finish had shown that Tinsley was fifth. He had to rush back to the starting line tying up his shoes as the other nine men waited. Not surprisingly, Tinsley got boxed in coming into the last lap, and he did not make the first three, who qualified for today's *final.*

Results: Amateur 4,000 metres pursuit, fastest qualifiers: 1, V Koupovets (USSR) 4:37.75; 2, B Ditert (EG) 4:38.93; 3, M Hennig (EG) 4:40.72; 4, D Liebrich (USSR) 4:40.77; 5, R Dawidowicz (Pol) 4:43.24; 6, M Marx (WG) 4:45.27; 7, P Pieters (Neth) 4:45.32; equal A Steda (Can) 4:45.32. Professional Keirin: qualifiers heat 1: 1, D Clark (Aus), 2, K Yamaguchi (Jap), 3, H Hindelang (WG). Heat 2: 1, M Vaarten (Bel); 2, G Hatton (USA), 3 O Dazzan (It). Repechage heat: 1, U Freuler (Switz); 2, Y Canard (Fr); 3, Sutton (Aus).

Barras breaks and cleans up

"It was pretty clean, today", said Phil Anderson, of Australia, describing the tactics in the fourth round of the Kellogs championship in Manchester on Monday night. Anderson was *pipped for fourth* place by Phil Thomas, who increased his lead to two points over *the Australian, with just* one race remaining, at Birmingham next Monday.

A three-man break had been started by Allan Peiper, a second Australian, six miles from the finish. He was quickly joined by the Birmingham professional, Steve Jones.

The third rider, who went on to win comfortably, was Sid Barras, who had *just had a lap out to loosen* a stiff link in his chain. He rejoined the race just as Peiper jumped clear, *and it looked suspiciously* as though he followed the wheel of Jones, instead of joining the tail of the main group.

RESULTS: Race Four: 1, S Barras, Falcon, 25 miles in 51min 0secs; 2, A Peiper, Peugeot; 3, S Jones, Ayel, both same time; 4, P Thomas, Falcon, 51.10; 5, P Anderson, Peugeot; 5 Jaughn, Moducel, both same time.

OVERALL: 1, Thomas 28 pts; 2, Anderson 26; 3, Jaughn 18; 4, Peiper 16.

IN BRIEF

Tour squad list to be trimmed

Great Britain's decline in international Rugby League at professional and amateur level is viewed so seriously that great emphasis is being lais on squad training, Keith Macklin writes. The professional squad preparing for next summer's tour of Australasia originally contained the names of more than 40 players. The league's public relations officer, David Howes, says this list will soon be trimmed and players who have failed to report for regular training, *or are not performing well for their* clubs, will be replaced.

One such player is Steve Evans, *the Hull back, who has been* dropped from the squad for failing to attend training because of holidays.

RUGBY UNION: The Harlequins/Lord's Taverners seven-a-side tournament is being held at the Stoop Memorial Ground on September 4, David Hands writes.

Blackheath, the holders, have been drawn in a difficult pool with Cardiff, Old Belvedere, and a Lord's Taverners VII due to include last year's Oxford University captain and former Australian international, Phil Crowe, and several Welsh internationals. The other pool is composed of Harlequins, Heriot's FP, Waterloo, and Monde-Marsan.

● Paul Ackford, who captained Rosslyn Park last season, has joined the Metropolitan Police. Toby Allchurch takes over as captain of Park.

SQUASH RACKETS: Barbara Diggens will captain and manage England's team in the women's world championship at Perth, Australia, in October. The host country are holders of the world team title. Two *juniors will travel to* play in the inaugural world junior championships.

BADMINTON: Morten Frost (Denmark), Luan Jin (China), Leim Swie King and Icuk Sugiarto (Indonesia) are among the 12 top-ranked players in the finals of the prix circuit in Jakarta from December 14 to 18.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 4, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Chicago White Sox 3, Kansas City Royals 1; Texas Rangers 3, Detroit Tigers 1; California Angels 7, Cleveland Indians 3; Milwaukee Brewers 3, Seattle Mariners 2; Oakland Athletics 3, New York Yankees 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 2, Cincinnati Reds 0; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Montreal Expos 1; San Diego Padres 4, New York Mets 3; San Francisco Giants 11, Philadelphia Phillies 5.

HOCKEY

KUALA LUMPUR: Five-nation tournament: Australia 3, India 1.

TENNIS

CHARLESTON: Exhibition match: J McEnroe bt G Vilas (Arg) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

ODESSA: Men's tournament: Poland 3, Japan 0, Bulgaria 3, Romania 2; Soviet Union II 3, Odessa Polytechnik 1.

EQUESTRIANISM

Pony Club teams help Britain's future eventers

By Jenny MacArthur

The chance for Britain's future three-day eventers to show their paces is given today when 33 Pony Club teams from as far apart as the East Aberdeenshire in Scotland, to the Fourburrow in Cornwall compete in the Pony Club inter-branch horse trials championships, at Weston Park, in Shropshire, the home of Mary, Countess of Bradford. Each team has qualified by winning its area trial. The championships, sponsored this year by MSD agvet, a division of Merck Sharp and Dohme, have moved from their traditional home at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire because of restrictions on the use of the land there.

The Pony Club, founded in 1929, is the nursery ground for three-day eventers, and the main reason for Britain's pre-eminence in the sport. Colonel Bill Lithgow, the executive officer for the Pony Club since 1968, notes that since 1972 every member of a senior British three-day event team has come up through the Pony Club, a fact most recently illustrated by Lucinda Green, Virginia Holgate, Diana Clapham and Lorna Clarke, the four members of the team which won the silver medal at last week's European Championships.

Neither have the men by-passed this valuable training ground. Captain Mark Phillips was a *member of the Beaufort Pony Club* team for five years and Richard Walker, the youngester-ever winner *of Badminton,* represented the Cowdray Pony Club at the championships, winning the Challenge Cup for the best boy rider in 1965 and 1966.

The championships begin with the dressage today and move on to the cross-country and show *jumping* tomorrow. The twenty cross-country fences have been built by Kit *Dwerryhouse, who is* the course designer for the popular horse trials held annually at Weston Park in the Spring.

La crème de la crème

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Law Report August 23, 1983
Court of Appeal

Judge had no power to jail respondent

Lamb v Lamb
Before Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Kerr.
Judgment delivered August 18

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Mr Brian John Lamb, a respondent in divorce proceedings, against an order, sentencing him to three months imprisonment for contempt of court, which had been made on August 1, by His Honour Judge Alan De Piro in the Warwick County Court, on the ground that the judge, having previously on July 27, 1983, made an ex parte order committing him to prison for 14 days for the same offence, had no power to make such an order, since it was in effect sentencing him twice for the same offence. The Court ordered Mr Lamb's immediate release.

Mr Brian Healy, for Mr Lamb, (the appellant); Mr Andrew McFarlane, for Mrs Lynn Cristine Lamb, the petitioner in the divorce proceedings.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said that Mr Lamb a respondent in divorce proceedings appealed against orders made by His Honour Judge Alan De Piro in Coventry and Warwick County Courts on July 27 and August 1, 1983, respectively, which ordered his committal to prison for 14 days, on the first occasion, and for three months on the second, for contempt of court. The petitioner, Mrs Lynn Christine Lamb, had applied for an order excluding him from the matrimonial home, and for certain injunctions, and on July 25, 1983, thejudge had made orders restraining Mr Lamb from molesting her, ordering him to vacate the matrimonial home, and restraining him from selling, destroying or otherwise disposing of certain property.

The effect of the orders and the consequences of breaking them were explained to the respondent, and he did vacate the property. When the petitioner returned she found that certain items had been removed and others damaged, and that damage had been done to the structure of the house, and she therefore applied for a committal order.

On July 27 the judge made the first of the two orders complained of, ex parte, having dispensed with service of notice on the respondent. Pursuant to that order, the respondent was arrested and was sent to prison, but he was, on the judge's instructions, brought before him on August 1, and counsel was assigned to him. After hearing evidence from the respondent, the judge decided to increase the sentence to one of three months' imprisonment.

Mr Healy contended that the judge was wrong in the course that he took of hearing the matter, ex parte, and in dispensing with service of notice under Order 29 r. 1 (4) of the County Court Rules.

But, while seeing the dangers involved in making a committal order ex parte and while agreeing that such an order should only be made in exceptional circumstances, his Lordship considered that if the evidence was to be believed – and there was no reason not to believe it – the judge was faced with a flagrant and deliberate breach of the court's orders, and his Lordship was not prepared to say that the judge was wrong in making the ex parte order. His Lordship then proceeded to reject two other grounds on which the making of the first committal order, and accordingly the appeal as to that order failed.

But the making of the second order was an entirely different matter. It was not suggested that there was any very different or further evidence available, the only additional evidence being some photographs of the damage which had been done. There was no evidence of any further acts on the part of the respondent: the respondent had indeed been in prison.

His Lordship had been referred to the case of *Church's Trustee v Hibbard* ([1902] 2 Ch. 784), which was a clear authority, if such were needed, that it is clearly wrong for a man to be sentenced twice for the same offence. The judge, having heard the respondent's evidence, had no doubt thought that he ought to impose a stiffer sentence, but he clearly had no power to do so. The order which he made on August 1 was quite wrong and was a nullity. In those circumstances, the appeal against that order must be allowed, the order discharged, and the respondent must be released forthwith from prison.

LORD JUSTICE KERR delivered a short concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Cecil Angel & Co, Coventry; Brindley, Twist, Tafft & James, Coventry.

Cleared pickets convicted off obstruction

From Our Correspondent
Huddersfield

Nine months after being cleared of obstructing the entrance to a hospital six pickets returned to the same court yesterday to be convicted.

In November, Calder magistrates at Halifax found the pickets, three men and three women, not guilty of causing an obstruction outside the Halifax General Hospital during the health service week of action last August.

But the police appealed and last month the High Court instructed the magistrates to find them guilty. At yesterday's hearing they were each given a conditional discharge for 12 months.

Mr Paul Parker, for the prosecution, said that vans driven by health authority executives were prevented from entering by the six pickets, who blocked the entrance.

Mr John Foster, representing five of the pickets, said that they had arranged with the health authority to stop and search vans to ensure they were only carrying essential supplies.

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Home is where the heart is

Home ownership is continuing to grow. By the end of this year it is expected that 59 per cent of all households in the UK will be owner-occupied compared with 56 per cent in 1981. And a survey conducted for the Building Societies Association shows that if the means matched the will, the figure would rise to 77 per cent of all adults within two years. Among those in the 25-34 age group, nine out of 10 consider owner-occupation the ideal.

Only 43 years ago fewer than a third of households were owner-occupied while almost six out of 10 people rented houses and flats privately with about 10 per cent living in council property. At the start of the First World War only 10 per cent of homes were owner-occupied with the rest of the population in privately rented accommodation.

During the next decade the proportion of home-owners is likely to grow rapidly as more and more single first-time buyers step on to the first rung of the property ladder. After such buyers have become established they move up the ladder buying larger and more expensive homes helping to fuel market demand.

Some building societies, however, believe that growth in home ownership will tail off because of declining population. Fewer babies were born during the 1960s, so demand among the first-time buyers will taper off.

Behind the recent expansion in the number of people wanting to buy homes has been a government policy that has introduced several ways of pushing people into the private sector. One notable feature has been the sale of council houses, which has added 500,000 households to the privately owned register. There are signs that demand is easing although the greater discounts available to council tenants may convince a few more to buy their own home.

In the private sector two major influences have contributed to the upsurge in house-buying by single people: the difficulty of finding a place to rent and the willingness of leading builders like Barratt and Wimpey to provide starter homes and bedsitter flats. But some first-time buyers are finding difficulties when they come to sell their bedsitter.

There has been an uneasy feeling in some quarters that Britain is going all-out for home-ownership rather than encouraging other types of tenure such as private, rented accommodation. Though the concept of owning one's own home may be strong and is ingrained in the system through the long-established building society movement, Britain actually lags far behind many other countries. Even some East European countries have a better record on home ownership than the UK, at least according to statistics. Bulgaria, Hungary and Yugoslavia all have higher proportion of owner-occupiers than we do, with Bulgaria leading the field at 82 per cent.

And in the United States which, until recently has had a highly developed private rented sector, it is estimated that 65 per cent of all households own their own home.

No one is prepared to even estimate how much further home ownership will grow in this country. Expansion is certainly going to rise steadily during the coming 10 years, then begin to fall away as the first-time market begins to fade. By the end of the century, as many as 70 per cent of households should be owner-occupied. Numbers will be swelled if further attempts are made to induce council tenants to buy their homes.

For the moment at least this great rush into home-owning should help keep prices buoyant. There is disagreement about the extent to which house prices have risen over the past 12 months but it is clear that prices have advanced faster than at any time since the 1978-80 boom.

Demand for homes may be increasing but housebuilding industry forecasts for new starts indicate a decline in activity during the next few years. A start will have been made on some 175,000 new homes this year but then the prediction for 1985 falls to 150,000.

Some of this decline may be because parts of the country, such as the Midlands, the North-west and Northern Ireland are not experiencing the same rise in house prices as in other regions: builders will therefore concentrate on the regions where there is most demand for housing in line with localized growths in the economy.

Price rises will continue in the more prosperous parts of Britain as greater job opportunities attract buyers. But it now looks unlikely we shall see a 1970s-type rise in property prices especially as inflation is bumping along at about 5 per cent and interest rates are in double figures.

For housebuyers, the most immediate problem is securing a mortgage. Last month was extremely successful for building societies with net receipts of £739m, the highest since last November. A few more months like July and we could see the mortgage queues evaporate almost as quickly as they formed, although the situation is unlikely to change much before Christmas because a large backlog of applications is still to be cleared.

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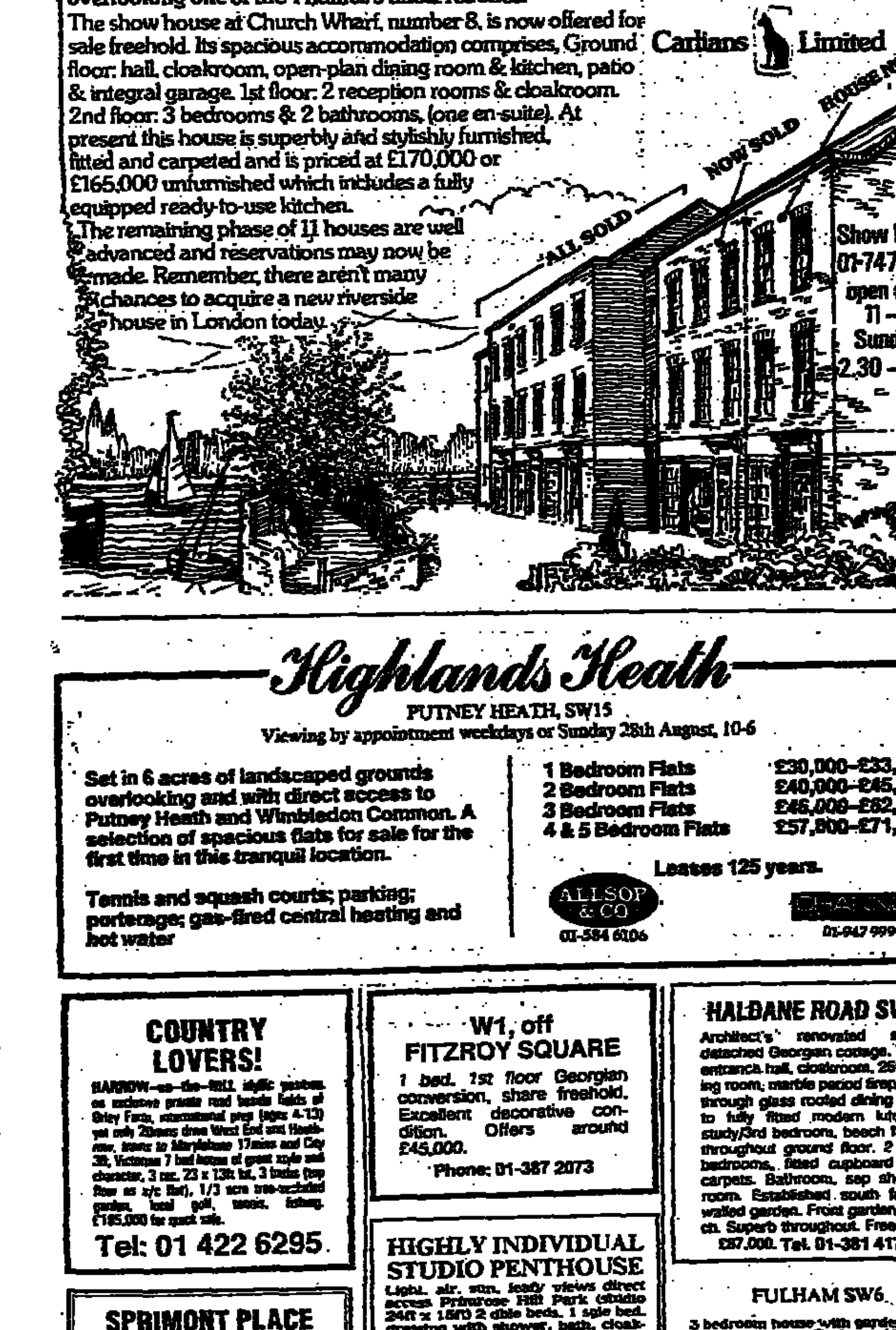

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BIRTHS

REED. - On August 11, to Penelope (nee Pearce) and Andrew - a daughter (Charlotte Isobel).

ABBOTT. - On 17th August, at University College Hospital, to Jane (Henderson) and Clive, a daughter (Rachel Laura), a sister for Fred.

BELL. - on August 20th to Claire (nee Jones) and Stephen, a son, James Edward.

BOARDMAN, on August 21st at The Royal Berks. Hospital to Rhiannon (Nee Powell) and John, a son Harry known as a brother for Joanna.

CARMICHAEL. - On 2nd August at The Royal Hospital, Sydney to Jennifer (nee Khoo) and Neil a daughter Julia Kaye Bruce, a sister for Tess.

CHAPMAN. - On July 18th, in Mexico City to Sandi (nee Harward) and John a son, (Edmund Christopher Overill), a brother for Matthew.

CLARKE. - On August 21, to Eileen and Edward, at Christiana Hartley Hospital, Southport - a darling daughter (Cheryl Lucy).

DANN. - On August 20, to Diana and William - a daughter (Alexandra).

ELLEN. - On August 18, 1983 to Claire (nee Belfield) and Mark - a son (Tom).

ELLIOT.-On August 21st, at Wythenshawe Maternity Hospital, Manchester, to Vicky (nee Eaton) and Nick - a son.

FUDAKOWSKI. - On August 21, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Henrietta (nee Williams) and Peter - a son (Adam Jan).

ISAAC. - On August 14, at Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny, to Moira (nee Thomas) and Robert - a son (David Samuel Thomas).

KILLINGLEY - on 21st August to Kathie and Mike, a son Peter, Keith.

LAKE - On August 9th, in Brussels, to Ingrid (nee de Zwaan) and Michael - a daughter (Mary Alexandra Guillemette), sister to Sarah and Liesbeth.

LLEWELYN - On August 20th at Winchester Hospital to Caroline and Andrew, a daughter.

LORNIE.-On August 16th, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey, to Alison (nee Stewart) and Norman - a daughter (Fiona Helen).

PHILLIPS.-On 18th August, to Veron... (nee Mountford) and Richard - a daughter (Lucy), a sister for Katie.

PULLIN - On August 16th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Cynthia and John, a daughter, Alexandra Claire.

SCOTT - On August 14th, to Alison (nee Salaman) and Robert, a daughter (Claire), sister for Lottie and Rupert.

STEWART-MOORE. - On August 5th at Queen Charlotte Hospital to Penny (nee James) and Christopher - a son (Harry).

WELCH - On August 22nd at Oxford to Janette (nee Hailes) and Richard, a daughter (Katherine Jane), a sister for Thomas, Robert and Joseph.

WILLIAMSON. - On August 19, 1983, at the Westminster Hospital, to Sharon (nee Deans) and Ian Williamson - a daughter (Charlotte Rose).

WOLSTENHOLME. - On August 20th, to Lou (nee Ainslie) and John, a daughter - Asha Victoria, a sister for Charlie.

BIRTHDAYS

NICKI PALMER is 22 today. Congratulations.

MARRIAGES

PERRIOR : CALCOTT-JAMES.-On Saturday, 20th August, 1983, at St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park, London, Malcolm Richard Perrior to Clare Helen Mary Calcott-James.

SMITH - JAQUIER. - On August 20, 1983, at Christchurch, Ottershaw, Surrey, Simon Michael Longfellow Smith to Line Elisabeth Jaquier.

SILVER WEDDINGS

KIRKMAN : ADAMS.-On August 23rd, 1958 at St James', Piccadilly, Charles and Libby. Congratulations from Nick and Tim.

GOLDEN WEDDING

KLEY: Fuld - on 23rd August 1933, Henry Oliver Albert Kley to Lotte Fuld in Berlin.

DEATHS

ALLAN - On 21st August, 1983, suddenly at home Commander James Campbell Allan, aged 74, husband of the late Meg and dearly loved brother of Gladys Harre of Zurich, for many years Secretary of the former United Service Club. No letters please. Cremation private. Service at Stone to be announced.

ALLEN. - On August 20, peacefully in hospital, Juliet, wife of Sir Richard Allen of 42 Somerstown, Chichester, Sussex. Private cremation. No flowers by request.

ANDERSON. - On August 20, 1983, suddenly at her home in Dorking, Dr Mary Adeline Anderson, Ph. D. Beloved and much loved daughter of Margery and the late Frederick Anderson, dear sister of John and aunt of Kim, Kandy and Neal. Will be dearly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service on Friday, August 26 at 3.30 pm at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Flowers please may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

ANNAN - On August 22nd, peacefully at home, Betty, wife of the late Robert Annan and dear sister of Hazel Vavey. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, Tuesday, August 30th at 12 noon. Enquiries to J H Kenyon Ltd. Tel 01 723 3277.

AUKER. - On August 15, 1983, Wilfred Raymond peacefully at the Westminster Hospital, beloved husband of Winifrith.

BASKERVILLE.-On 10th August after a short illness Mary Evelyn at St Monica Home of Rest, Bristol. Funeral service at the home on Tuesday 6th September 3 p.m. followed by cremation at Canford.

CAMPBELL - On August 20th, in a London hospital, George Alexander Campbell, beloved husband of Clare and dearly loved father of Wendy and Malcolm. Private service at St Martin-in-the-Fields, WC2, followed by interment in the family grave at Mortlake Cemetery, London SW14. No flowers please. Enquiries to J H Kenyon Ltd. Tel 01 935 3728.

CHOJECKI - On Thursday, August 18th, peacefully in London, Zygmunt, beloved husband of Betty and much loved father of Marysia, Ian and Alina. Funeral service will be at the Catholic Church of Christ the King, Southstoke Road, Woodcote, near Reading on Friday, 26th August at 11.30am. Enquiries to J H Kenyon Ltd 01 935 3728.

CLEVELAND BELLE - On 21st August, 1983, James, beloved mother of Marjorie and John, following a long illness. Funeral private. If desired flowers and enquiries to W Garstin 01 935 4868.

DAVIES. On 18th August, 1983, Dame Mary, suddenly but peacefully. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 26th August at 1.45pm.

DRUCE. - On August 20th, peacefully at Bognars Roost Nursing Home, Peggy, aged 85, much loved aunt of Jane and Ben and great aunt. Funeral service at St Mary's Church Chidham at 2.30 pm on Friday, August 26th followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester.

DUCK. - On Monday, August 22, suddenly, at home, Francis, 60 years. Funeral private. Memorial service later.

DYER. - On August 21st, 1983 in St Helens, California Peggy, beloved wife of Col Kenneth R Dyer, US Army (retired) and dearly loved mother of Paul.

DYER - On August 11th, in Laon, France Leslie Frank, aged 74 years, a committed artist of note. Dearly loved husband of Carolyn, brother of Mary and father of John and Paul. Held in great affection and respect by many friends throughout his life. The funeral has taken place in Laon.

EVANS - Vaughan On 21st August, 1983 George Frederick aged 78. Private Cremation, no letters please.

FLEMING - On August 22 peacefully, Eva Fleming (nee Coombes) aged 64 years. Sweetheart and dearly loved wife of Reg (Peter) and beloved mother of Janet and Ann and adored grandma. Funeral service at St Paul's, Warren Road Banstead, on Wednesday August 31 at 1.15 pm, followed by cremation at North East Surrey Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Paul's Warren Road Development Fund.

FURNELL - On August 18th 1983, Muriel Jessy (née Carter) aged 80 of Langham Court, Dunstable, and until recently of Little Green, Alverstoke, widow of Jack Furnell, mother of Sheila, Margaret, Elizabeth and John, and grandmother of Teresa, Sarah, Rachel and Jessica. Funeral service on Thursday 25th August at Luton Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please.

GARDINER - On August 23rd at Wimbledon Hospital, Peggy, loved wife of Colin, mother and grandmother, late of Bader, College. Cremation 2pm on Friday 26th August at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only.

GERARD - On 22nd August, 1983, Sir William Gordon Gerard of N..., Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday 26th August at 1.00pm. Enquiries to J H Kenyon Ltd, 74 Rochester Row, SW1. Tel. 01 834 4624.

JEFFREYS - On August 20th, aged 75, Edwin Arthur, formerly resident in Peru and more recently in London at St Vincent's Hospital, Cheltenham. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 2.30pm on Wednesday August 31st.

DEATHS

GRAY - On 18th August, 1983, at Malvern, Mary Elizabeth Gray, CBE, aged 80 years, daughter of the late Edward and Ethel Gray of Chorley, Bridgnorth. WRVS Administrator Midland Region, 1949-1961, WRVS Administrator SEAC and FE, 1944-1948. Funeral service at Malvern Priory on Wednesday, August 31st at 2.30pm followed by cremation at Worcester. Family flowers only but donations if desired may be sent to WRVS Benevolent Fund, 17 Old Park Lane, London.

GUBBINS. - On August 21, 1983, in hospital, Reverend Lionel Alfred Nelson, late of Jersey House. Funeral service St Michael's Church, Highgate, N6, on Wednesday, August 31, at 11.30 am, to be followed by cremation at St Marylebone, East End Road, Finchley, N2, at 12.30 pm. All enquiries and flowers to William Beckett, 9 Archway Rd, N19.

KENEDY, LILY TERESA aged 80 peacefully at home on August 18th after a short illness. Much loved by many relatives and friends. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday 25th August at 2.30pm.

KROCH - On 22nd August, peacefully at the Brompton hospital, London, Dr Falk Heinz, CBE, beloved husband of Anna, father and father in law of Carol and Benjamin and grandfather of Daniel. Cremation on Thursday 25th August at 1.00pm at Manchester Southern Crematorium, Barlow Moor Road. Family flowers only, but if desired donations may be sent to the Morris Feinmann Home, 178 Palatine Road, Didsbury, Manchester.

LINDQUIST. - On August 22, Charles, after a short illness, beloved husband of Irene, loving father of Jane and Michael, doting grandfather of Jerome, William and Jemima. Funeral at Bray Church at 11 am, Friday, August 26, at 12 noon at Slough Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to Ken Thomas Scanner, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

LUND - On Sunday, August 21st, suddenly at his home in Teffont, Evias John Ross Lund, aged 45, most darling husband of Gillie and adored father of Annabel and stepfather of Deirdre. Funeral St Michael's Church, Teffont, Evias Friday, 26th August at 11am. Flowers if desired, to Ronald Lever, F/D, Reads Close, Teffont, Salisbury (Teffont 316).

MARTIN - on August 20th, Phyllis, peacefully in hospital, beloved wife of Horace & mother of John, Jill & Richard. Service at Reading crematorium, Allhallows Rd, Caversham at 11.15 on Wednesday, 24th August. Family only. No flowers please, but donations if wished to Help the Aged, Account No. 01 30 6650 Barclays Bank Ltd, 315 King St, Reading.

MASON, ALICK ERNEST - On August 21, 1983 (suddenly), late of Darling Point, Sydney, Australia. Dearly loved husband of Anne and loving father of Sally and Caroline, father in-law of Roger and Rupert and loved grandfather of their children. At peace. Aged 74 years.

McCARTHY. On August 10th, Henry Walter, late of The Manor Hotel, Hindhead. Cremation has taken place and his ashes interred in the family grave in Windsor.

NORTH - On August 19th 1983, aged 76, peacefully after a short illness, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, USA, Genevieve Marion (nee Gorrolcan) beloved wife of the late Percy North, OBE, and mother of Robert. Letters please to her son and family at Ambleside, London Road, Crowborough, Sussex TN6 1TA.

RICHMAN - On 19th August, in hospital after a long illness, Alfred Richman OBE, dearly loved husband of Joyce, and beloved brother of Toby. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, on Wednesday, August 31st, at 12.15pm. Flowers to W. H. Buckle and Sons, 246 Fulham Rd, SW10, by 10.00am please.

SIMPSON. - On August 22, John Bell Simpson ACSM, Hon FIMM, FIMME, aged 83 years, of Saffrons Croft, Alfriston, Sussex. Dearly loved husband of Marjorie, stepfather of John and Drusilla, and step grand father of Caroline, Serena, Emma, Jemima, Jasper and Jocelyn. Cremation private.

STUART - On Tuesday, 23rd August at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Emma Jane Erskine, aged 17, most dearly loved daughter of Angus and Diana and sister of Roderick and Caroline. Service at the Kirk of the Greyfriars, Edinburgh on Wednesday, 24th August at 11.30am, interment there after at Kilmore, Isle of Skye.

TIBBELS. - Georgette (nee Bilioun) on 21st August, 1983 at Charing Cross Hospital after a long, sad illness borne with courage. Devoted wife to Jack and mother to Paddy, Nicole and Brian. No flowers please; donations to Charing Cross Hospital, Medical Research Fund, c/o Mr K. W. Reynolds, Dept of Gastroenterology, London W6 8RF.

VON LIVONIUS - On 14th August 1983, Beatrice Von Livonius of 24 Sloane Court East, London SW3, widow of Hans-Joachim Arthur Alexander Von Livonius formerly of Grumbkow, Pomerania, Germany. Funeral private.

WEINER - On 20th August, 1983, at Middlesex Hospital, W.1, Augusta, of Flat 16, Frognal Court, Finchley Road, London, NW3. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 1.30pm on 25th August, no flowers by request but donations to Amnesty International, Southampton Street, WC2.

WEIR, MINNA, RF - On August 21, 1983, as the result of an accident, twin of Breuda, widow of Commander Pat Weir, late of Ramieh, Emsworth, greatly loved and wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations to K.G. Fund for Sailors.

WILLAND - Amanda Jane. Funeral 3pm, Wednesday, 31st August, St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden. All friends welcome. Enquiries: Eaden Lilley Funeral Service, Victoria Park, Cambridge. Tel: 351317.

WILSON - On 14th August '83, very suddenly at her home, Margaret Olive Bell Wilson, loved mother of Elizabeth. Service at St Michael's Church, Highgate No, at 11.45 on Thursday, 25th August, followed by interment at Highgate Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 49 Marloes Road, London W8.

WRIGHT, EVA EMILY - Of Charterhouse Road, Orpington, Kent, her home for over 50 years, only daughter of Philip and Esther Wright, of Boxes Farm, Cancadon, Essex, born November 2nd, 1889, died on Wednesday, August 3rd, 1983 at Orpington Hospital. Cremation was at Beckenham on August 9th, 1983. Many friends paid final greetings.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, sport and traffic details.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Sue Cook: News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; keep fit between 6.45 and 7.00; tonight's television previewed between 7.15 and 7.30; news from the pop scene between 7.30 and 8.00; a review of the morning papers at 7.32 and 8.32; horoscopes between 8.30 and 8.45; and food and cooking hints between 8.45 and 9.00.

9.00 Blue Peter Goes Silver! The Summer expedition of 1977 to Brazil where John Noakes climbed the Corcovado Mountain; Leslie Judd went by cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain; and Peter Purves flew a parachute on Copacobana Beach 9.25 Jackanory. Rodney Bewes with part three of the story of Jeffy, the Burglar's Cat (r) 9.40 Willo the Wisp (r) 9.45 Take Hart, introduced by Tony Hart (r) 10.05 Closedown.

1.00 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Vivien Creegor. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles 1.27 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles) 1.30 King Rollo (r) 1.35 Bric-a-Brac (r) 1.45 Interval 1.50 Cusden on Avon. On the last stage of his journey, Richard Cusden travels from Fordingbridge to the sea.

2.20 Film: Torpedo Run (1958) starring Glenn Ford as submarine captain whose ship has a Japanese aircraft carrier cornered in Tokyo Bay. The only problem is that the carrier is being shielded by a freighter carrying his own wife and children – prisoners of the Japanese. Directed by Joseph Pevney 3.50 Take Another Look at Nature's Jekyll and Hyde (r) 4.18 Regional news (not London).

4.20 Play School. Shown earlier on BBC 2 4.45 Cartoon: Boss Cat in T.C. Minds the Baby (r) 5.05 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 The Children of Destiny. Alexis the only son and heir of the Emperor of Russia.

5.40 News with Moira Stuart 6.00 South East at Six.

6.25 Cartoon: Senor Droopy.

6.35 Doctor Who. Part three of the four episode adventure, Kinda. Starring Peter Davison (r).

7.00 The Show Me Show presented by John Craven and Maggie Philbin. This week's edition of the lighthearted science programme includes a teach-in about windsurfing.

7.30 Fame. Its Friendship Day at the drama school and it turns out to be anything but. Reardon refuses to talk to Elizabeth and Doris upsets everyone.

8.20 International Athletics from Zurich. Highlights from the Weltklasse meeting held tonight.

9.00 News with John Humphrys.

9.25 Play: Floating Off, by Stephen Davis. A comedy about a northern leisure-complex owner trying to sell-off his property before his son discovers his plans. Starring Peter Woodthorpe and Graham Crowden (see Choice).

10.33 News headlines.

10.35 Salem's Lot. The first of a two-part dramatisation of the novel by Stephen King about a young writer who is mysteriously drawn back to his home town and in particular to the house called Marsten Mansion. Starring David Soul and James Mason (r).

12.05 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. News from Gavin Scott at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; sport at 6.45 and 7.45; Chris Tarrant in the Isle of Wight from 6.50; studio guest Robin Cousins from 7.00; David Bowie video, Let's Dance, at 7.55; Hugh Paddick's star forecast at 8.05; a preview of the day's television at 8.35; exercises with Mad Lizzie at 8.50; and, from 9.00, Roland Rat in Newcastle.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 Science International. The world of research, narrated by Michael Bentine. 10.35 Sport Billy in Great Texas Hole in One. 11.00 Island Wildlife. The limestone landscape of the Burren, Co Clare and Inis Mor, Co Galway. 11.50 Cartoon Time: Calorie Counting.

12.00 Button Moon. Rocket adventures of the puppet family, the Spoons (r). 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets (r). 12.30 The Electric Theatre Show presented by John Doran. Richard Carpenter, writer of the latest screen version of Robin Hood, discusses the character of the legendary hero.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Emmerdale Farm. Jack Sugden is annoyed by wife Pat's unusual purchase (r). 2.00 A Plus. Count Nikolai Tolstoy talks to Gill Nevill about his famous ancestor while Elaine Grand learns about Lisa St Aubin de Teran of Venezuela.

2.30 A Country Practice. Drama series about a medical practice in an Australian sheep town. 3.30 Definition. Crossword puzzle game presented by Jeremy Beadle.

4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy in Nursery Rhyme Land (r). 4.15 Cartoon: Bugs Bunny in Rabbit Every Monday (r). 4.20 Emu's World with Rod Hull (r). 4.45 What's Happening. Radio Forth meet Radio Tay in the first semi-final of the current affairs quiz. 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes. American comedy series.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 What It's Worth. Colin Adamson answers viewers' consumer queries.

6.35 Crossroads. Benny is due to receive some bad news but Sid Hooper is reluctant to be the person to deliver the tidings.

7.00 Where There's Life. . .Dr Miriam Stoppard visits a Mexican prison where she meets a woman who has revolutionised life behind bars.

7.30 Coronation Street. Ken Barlow tells his wife about his town hall inquisition.

8.00 Miss United Kingdom 1983 presented, live from the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, by Judith Chalmers and Peter Marshall. Forty-four girls parade their charms hoping to be the one to represent her country in November's Miss World contest.

9.00 Jemima Shore Investigates: A Little Bit of Wildlife. Trying to trace the owner of a jacket she found in a park leads Miss Shore to London's Waldorf Hotel.

10.00 News.

10.30 Film: Goodbye Pork Pie (1980) starring Kelly Johnson and Tony Barry. Two young car thieves are chased the length of New Zealand by the police. Directed by Geoff Murphy.

12.15 Night Thoughts from Harvey Gillman, a Quaker.

Peter O'Toole in Man and Superman: Channel 4 9.00pm

● Graham Crowden takes the acting honours in Stephen Davis's play FLOATING OFF (BBC1 9.25pm), a sometimes humorous story of Humpage, a boorish Northern businessman out to make some fast money. Crowden plays French, a director of the merchant bank Humpage descends upon. Patronising and conniving French at first declines to accept the offer of acting for Humpage, instead passes him on to an erstwhile protégé to whom he owes a favour. But later, when the chance to make some money comes along, he is only too happy to oblige. Humpage, though, has a thuggish-looking son with a past who is out to stop his father's disposal of the business. Mildly diverting but with too many coincidences to ring true.

● Filmed in under two weeks last April ASCENSION: LIFELINE TO

CHOICE

THE FALKLANDS (BBC2 8.20pm), a Newsnight Special, vividly illustrates what life is like for the 500 servicemen who have been stationed there since the Falklands conflict. Situated in mid-Atlantic, a 1000 miles from the nearest mainland, this bleak island is usually inhabited only by members of NASA and employees of the BBC's World Service. For the servicemen conditions are grim with six to a room in pre-fabricated hutches, nicknamed concertinas, on a landing strip known as Concertina City. Robert Harris reports on the daily routine for the men which includes hazardous mid-air refuelling; on the plans to build a £16 million air-base in order to maintain the 8,000 mile air-link between Britain and the Falklands; and on how the arrival of the servicemen affected the sitting tenants, as it were, of the island.

● Former minister for the Arts, Hugh Jenkins is the author of a semi-autobiographical play, SOLO BOY (Radio 4, 3.00pm). The story is set in 1924 and concerns the efforts of a 14-year-old soloist in a London suburban church choir to acquire a fixed scale of renumeration for all solos sung by the choristers, a scheme that is bitterly opposed by the tetchy choirmaster, Mr Price. To further the cause young Paul threatens, successfully, to call his fellow choristers to silence unless the demand is met. Paul Russell plays Paul with Benjamin Revill as Paul's singing voice. The choral sequencies were recorded at Christ Church, Enfield, where Lord Jenkins sang as a boy.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: The Adelaide Centre in NW London 6.30 Special needs in Education 6.55 X-Rays and Energy Levels 7.20 Romanticism 7.45 Who's Going to Manage? Closedown at 8.10.

10.05 Gharbar. A magazine programme of interest to Asian mothers and their children. Today and for the next three weeks the programme is all musical.

10.30 Play School. For the under fives, presented by Sheelagh Gilbey and Patrick Abernethy. (r) 10.55 Closedown.

12.30 Open University: Developing Mathematical Thinking: Fractions 1.20 Closedown.

5.10 Music: A Formal Analysis. An Open University production in which John Rutter discusses the revolutionary nature of Beethoven's 5th Symphony.

5.40 Schools Proms introduced by Ray Moore from the Royal Albert Hall. Highlights from the concerts held earlier this year. Mr Moore also visits St Paul's Primary School and Helenswood Girl's Comprehensive in Hastings and talks to harpsichord soloist, Clare Booth Jones.

6.10 Vikings! Part eight and Magnus Magnusson recounts the story of Leif the Lucky, the first European known to have stood on the North American continent (r).

6.40 Pop Carnival. From the grounds of Brunel University, Bristol, Steve Blacknell introduces top band, Tears For Fears.

7.15 News summary with subtitles.

7.20 The Travel Show presented by Paul Heiney and Lucie Skeaping.

7.50 Year of the French. August: The Country Priest. A profile of Abbe Louis Mahaus, parish priest of the Brittany village of Landaul (r).

8.20 Ascension: Lifeline to the Falklands. A Newsnight Special in which Robert Harris reports on what life is like for the 500 servicemen living on the remote island (see Choice).

9.00 Good Time George. George Melly with John Chilton's Feetwarmers thoroughly enjoying himself at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds. His guest is tap dancer Will Gaines.

9.30 World Apart: A Connemara Family. A documentary about the Nee family and in particular Kate Nee, the matriarch of the family. She has lived on the shores of Loch Corrib all her life and watched her family depart for foreign shores (r).

10.25 Sing Country. David Allan introduces highlights from the International Festival of Country Music. Topping the bill is Tammy Wynette.

10.55 Newsnight.

11.45 Open University: Something in the Air 12.10 IATA, Closedown at 12.40.

CHANNEL 4

5.30 Start Here. Science made fun for youngsters by Konrad the Robot. This week the use of air is examined with a giant spray made from drinking straws; the test-flight of an aircraft wing; and the balancing of a ball on an invisible column.

6.00 Ulster Landscapes. The eighth in the 11-part series examines Ulster's Industrial Villages. The programme concentrates on the small communities that sprang up to support the manufacture of linen – Drumaness, Donaghcloney, Milford and Sion Mills. These villages were built by rural millowners to attract a workforce.

6.30 The Munsters.* Herman takes up ham radio operating as a hobby and misconstrues the two-way conversation he picks up between two boys, thinking that he has made contact with a Martian flying saucer.

7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons, Sarah Hogg and Trevor McDonald. News headlines at 7.30 with city news at 7.35 followed by a report from Brighton on the day's events at the British Association for the Advancement of Science Conference.

7.50 Comment. The political spot this week is taken by the Liberal MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed, Alan Beith.

8.00 Brookside. What was Roger doing in Birmingham, Heather wants to know; Paul Collins prepares for his new job; and Barry Grant returns home in the company of a lady from the East.

8.30 Opinions. Michael Tracey, director of the Broadcasting Research Unit at the British Film Institute examines the future for television in the next decade. What sort of programmes will be seen in 1990? Will they bear any relation to what we receive now?

9.00 Play: Man and Superman, by George Bernard Shaw. Recorded in performance at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, where it had rave reviews especially for the star Peter O'Toole, who had previously been panned for his Macbeth. Also starring in what the author described as a comedy and a philosophy are Lisa Harrow, James Grout, Robert Beatty, Joyce Carey and Michael Byrne.

11.35 Eddie Gold. Christopher Logue reads the poem Since There's No Help, by Michael Drayton and Liane Aukin reads one by Dorothy Parker, One Perfect Rose

11.40 Going Back. A moving documentary about a group of four American Vietnam war veterans who return to the country and meet the people they previously tried to kill

12.40 Closedown

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.

6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.

6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 7.45 Thought for the Day.

8.43 'The House at Pooh Corner' by A. A. Milne (3). Read by Alan Bennett. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News; Midweek: Henry Kelly.†

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Listeners' questions.

10.30 Morning Story. 'Alice Buchan and Rin Tin Tin' by Fred Urquhart. Read by Fraser Kerr.

10.45 Daily Service.†

11.00 News; Travel; Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.†

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice about estate agents.

12.27 Pay any Price by Ted Allbury. Episode 8.† 12.55 Weather; Programme News.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 News. Woman's Hour. Guest of the week is Diana Warwick, general secretary of the Asociation of University Teachers. Plus an item on dangerous lights; and the final instalment of The Plague Dogs.

3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Solo Boy, by Hugh Jenkins, (Minister for the Arts from 1974 to 1976). A semi-autobiographical play set in 1924. About a boy soloist's fight for an agreed scale of payments for all solos sung by the boy choristers in a suburban church. Starring Paul Russell as the soloist (Benjamin Revill sings the role).

3.47 Time for Verse. Poems about the sea. George MacBeth's selection is read by Carol Drinkwater, James Bryce, and Anthony Hyde.

4.00 News; Just After Four. Jem Belcher, bare-knuckle boxer.

4.10 Scandinavian Journey. Julian Hale meets doctors, nurses, psychologists and patients at Copenhagen's University Hospital, where a new centre has been opened to care for the victims of torture.

4.40 Story Time: 'The Master' by T. H. White (8).

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 My Music. Quiz.†

7.00 News; The Archers.

7.20 Checkpoint. Investigation into listeners' problems of unfair dealings and injustice. With Roger Cook.

7.45 The Eagle and the Small Birds. The spectre of Yalta. First of four programmes charting the story of Soviet domination in Eastern Europe. Michael Charlton traces the events that followed the Churchill/Roosevelt/Stalin meeting in Yalta in February 1945.

8.45 The Insect Woman. The adventures of Evelyn Cheesman who collected insects in remote parts of the South Pacific.

9.30 Kaleidoscope from the Edinburgh International Festival. 9.59 Weather.

10.00 The World Tonight: News.

10.30 Son of Cliche (new series). Comedy series of eight programmes.†

11.00 A Book at Bedtime: 'On the Eve' by Ivan Turgenev (1818-1883) (3). Read by Claire Bloom.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Voices in Harmony. The singers are the University Madrigal Society and St Anne's Convent School Choir.

12.00 News; Weather.

12.15 Shipping Forecast. ENGLAND VHF: with if above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Modern Biography. 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Adam Smith and the American Colonies. 11.50 Experience – The root of Religion.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Record requests. Adam (excerpts from Act 2 of Giselle), Chopin (Variations on a theme by Sir Thomas Moore), Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture: Romeo and Juliet).†

8.00 News.

8.05 Your Midweek Choice: part two. Brahms (Piano Pieces, Op 76 played by Julius Katchen), and Chausson (Poeme de l'amour et de la mer, with Janet Baker).†

9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Fauré. The works include the Nocturne No 12 in E minor, Op 107: played by Philippe Collard; Violin Sonata No 2 in E minor, Op 108 (Pierre Amoyal/Anne Queffelec) and the Fantaisie in G, Op 111.†

10.00 Joachim Raff: Piano Trio No 3 in A, minor, Op 155 – Parkian/Fleming/Roberts.†

10.35 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Martinu Piano Concerto (soloist Evelyne Brancart), Haydn (Symph No 90) and Smetana (Symphonic Poem: Sarka).†

11.45 Nursery Songs and Songs of Separation: Patricia Wright sings Prokofiev's Ugly Duckling, Op 18, Menotti's Canti della Lontananza, and Kabalevsky's Nursery Rhymes, Op 41.†

12.30 Alistair Cooke's Jazzmen: Duke Ellington. Last of series.†

1.00 News.

1.05 Gidon Kremer and Andras Schiff: Violin and piano recital. Schnittke (Preludium in memorian Shostakovich), Bach (Sonata in G, BWV 1019), Schumann (Sonata in A minor, Op 105) and Brahms (Scherzo in C minor).†

2.00 Kleiber and Kleiber: Father and son as conductors. Part one: Mozart (overture: Marriage of Figaro), Dvorak (Piano Conc in G Minor – Richteras soloist)†2.45 Interval reading;

2.50 Kleiber and Kleiber: part 2. Beethoven (Symphony No 6).†

3.35 Antonio Soler: Harpsichord recital by Robert Woolley. He plays Soler's Sonatas No 42 in E flat, No 48 in C minor, 86 in D, No 24 in D minor, and No 120 in D minor.†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Edington Priory Festival. The conductor is Geoffrey Webber, the organist Adam Gordon.†

4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Brian Kay. Includes Mozart's Symphony No 33, K 319.†

6.30 Jazz Today: presented by Charles Fox.

7.00 Proms 83: from the Royal Albert Hall. Part one – Stravinsky and Mozart (see panel for full details).†

7.50 Six Continents: a selection of foreign radio broadcasts, presented by Angus McDermid.

8.10 Proms 83: part two. Robert Saxton, and Beethoven (see panel).†

9.10 A Zemlinsky Double Bill: Two one-act operas by Alexander Zemlinsky based on texts by Oscar Wilde, performed earlier this evening at the Edinburgh Festival. The first is Eine florentische Tragodie. Sung in German. With Guillermo Sarabia, Elisabeth Steiner and Kenneth Riegel;†10.05 Interval Reading.

10.10 Zemlinsky Double Bill: Der Geburstag der infantin. The cast includes Inga Nielsen, Kenneth Riegel, Dieter Weller and Beatrice Haldes. A Hamburg State Opera presentation, with the Hamburg Philharmonic State Orchestra.†

11.15 News. Ends at 11.18.

VHF ONLY – OPEN UNIVERSITY: 11.20pm. Research in Social Psychology. 11.40-12.00 James Bond – Occupations and Ideology.

TONIGHT'S PROM

7.00 Stravinsky: Dumbarton Oaks. Mozart: Piano Concerto No 19 in F major, K459.

8.10 Robert Saxton: The Ring of Eternity (first performance). Beethoven: Symphony No 2, in D major. Northern Sinfonia, conducted by Ivan Fischer and Oliver Knussen. With Imogen Cooper (piano). Radio 3. Stereo.

Radio 2

News on the hour every hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00) Major Bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm and 5.00. 5.00am Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 Music While You Work.† 12.30 Gloria Hunniford,† including 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Ed Stewart,† including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn,† including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 7.28 Cricket Desk. 7.30 Overture and Beginners, Billy Milton introduces music from the theatre by Tchaikovsky, Hamlisch, Gounod, Geoffrey Wright and others.† 8.15 Listen to the Band.† 9.00 The Organist Entertains with Nigel Ogden.† 9.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 9.57 Sport Desk. 10.00 Funny You Should Ask. Peter Jones asks the questions in this quiz about all aspects of entertainment. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight at the Edinburgh Festival (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Folk on 2.† 2.00-5.00 Patrick Lunt presents You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm and then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight. (MF/MW). 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Smith. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.00 Mike Reed with the Radio 1 Roadshow in St Austell. 12.30 Newsbeat. 12.45 Andy Peebles. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Janice Long, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 Radio 1 Mailbag. 8.00 Richard Skinner. 10.00 John Peel.† 12.00 midnight Close.

VHF Radios 1 and 2. 5.00am With Radio 2.10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Diversions. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Kings of Jazz. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Brahms' Miniatures. 8.30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Musical Yearbook. 10.15 Whip Hand. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Listening Post. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 I Call it Genius. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Women in Love. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Diversions. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 The Silent Continent. 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 Short Story. 9.30 Jazz for the Asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Whip Hand. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Listening Post. 12.45 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Here and Now. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 The Silent Continent. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 From the Promenade Concerts. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1 WALES 1.27pm-1.30 News of Wales headlines. 4.18-4.20 News of Wales headlines. 6.00-6.25 Wales Today. 12.05am News and weather. SCOTLAND 9.00am-10.05 Closedown. 1.25pm-1.30 The Scottish News. 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 12.05am News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 9.00am-10.05 Closedown. 1.27pm-1.30 Northern Ireland News. 4.18-4.20 Northern Ireland News. 6.00-6.25 News at Six and Summerscene. 12.05am News and weather. ENGLAND 6.00pm-6.25 Regional news magazines. 12.10am Close.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25am Cartoon. 10.40 Music of Man. 11.30-12.00 Owzat! 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.15am Metamorphosis, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.25am Beyond Westworld. 11.15 Flying Kiwi. 11.45-12.00 Laurel and Hardy.* 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.515-5.45 Sale of the Century. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.15am Company, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25am Portraits of Power. 10.50 Dinosaur Age. 11.00 That Girl. 11.30 Vicky the Viking. 11.55-12.00 Professor Kitzel. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Callahan. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.15am Closedown.

S4C Starts: 2.20pm Ffalabalam. 2.35 Interval. 4.05 –full Life. 4.35 Wine Programme. 5.00 Pili-Pala. 5.05 Biwyddyn y Tân Mawr. 5.35 Munsters. 6.05 Brookside. 6.30 WKRP in Cincinnati. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Cyfle Arall. 8.00 Llun ar y Sgrin. 8.25 Y byd ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Sidney Schorr: A Girl's Best Friend. 10.45 Opinions. 11.15 Eleventh Hour, Film: The Bigamist. 12.45pm Closedown.

HTV As London except: 10.25am Wilde in Winter. 10.50 Dinah Saur Show. 11.00 Crazy World of Sport. 11.25 Flying Kiwi. 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Golf. 3.00-4.00 Country Practice. 5.15-5.45 Robin's Nest. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

ULSTER as London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 10.30 Professor Kitzel. 10.40 Black Beauty. 11.05 Stingray. 11.30-12.00 Laurel and Hardy*. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.30-3.30 Space 1999. 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves Chachi. 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.30-6.35 Cartoon. 12.15am News, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am 3-2-1-Contact. 10.00 Morning Serial. 10.30 New Fred and Barney Show. 11.00 Nova. 11.30-12.00 Peter and the Wolf. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Six Million Dollar Man. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Underwater World. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.15 Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25am To the Wild Country. 11.15 Flying Kiwi. 11.40-12.00 Fangface. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30-3.30 Love Boat. 5.15 Tales at Teatime. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Video Entertainers. 12.15am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.25am Story Hour. 11.25 Professor Kitzel. 11.30-12.00 Owzat! 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Flame Trees of Thika. 3.30-4.00 Mork and Mindy. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Carry on Laughing. 12.15am Postscript, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 10.25am-12.00 Film: Firechasers. 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 2.00-2.30 Music On The Move. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.35-7.00 Chip In. 11.20am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.25am Paint Along With Nancy. 10.55 Poseidon Files. 11.45-12.00 European Folk Tales. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.15am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 10.25am Wilderness Alive. 11.10 Fangface. 11.35-12.00 Sport Billy. 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 2.30-3.30 Story Hour. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.15am What is Love? Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm Button Moon. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Flame Trees of Thika. 3.30-3.40 Mork and Mindy. 5.15 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.15 Summer Extra. 6.30-7.30 Carry on Laughing. 12.15am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am First Thing. 10.25 Lost Kingdom. 10.50 Galway Way. 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 12.30pm-1.00 Question of Stars. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30-3.30 Father Murphy. 5.15-5.45 Over the Garden Wall. 6.00-6.35 Summer at Six. 12.15am News, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

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CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL, Barbican Centre EC2. 01-638 8891/01-628 8795. WORLD PETROLEUM CONGRESS AT THE BARBICAN UNTIL 2 SEP. The Centre will be closed to the public on Sun 28 Aug and public access will be severely restricted from Mon 29 Aug to Fri 2 Sep (There will be perfs as published in the Theatre, Pit and Cinema 1). We regret that no special activities will take place during the Aug Bank Hol week end. Next perf 3 Sep.

PROMS 83 Royal Albert Hall (01-589 8212). Tonight 7.30 Stravinsky: Dumbarton Oaks; Mozart: Piano Concerto No 19; Robert Saxton: The Ring of Eternity; Beethoven: Symphony No 2. Ivan Fischer, Oliver Knussen, Imogen Cooper, Northern Sinfonia of England. Talk by Robert Saxton 5.45.

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SOUTH BANK SUMMER MUSIC. PURCELL ROOM 928 3191 cc 928 6544. Ton't 6.00 Songmakers' Almanac. Wanted Peace: American and Russian: American Civil War songs; Ned Rorem Song Cycle, War Scenes, Songs by Stephen Foster, Mussorgsky and Shostakovich.

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CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE (0243 781312). OMAR SHARIF in THE SLEEPING PRINCE Ton't, Tomor (M & E), Fri, Sat (E). PATRICIA HODGE in AS YOU LIKE IT, Sat (M). Evgs 7.30. Mats Thur & Sat 2.30.

COMEDY THEATRE S 930 2578. cc Bkgs 839 1438. Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Fri 8. Thur Mat 3. Sat 5.15/8.15 (Not suitable for children.) STEAMING By Nell Dunn. COMEDY OF THE YEAR SWET Award 1981. "SEXY LIFE-AFFIRMING SHOW." Tms. Over 750 performances. LAST 2 WEEKS!

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CRITERION Air Cond S 930 3216 cc 379 6565 Grps 836 3962. Mon to Fri 8.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. THE TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF WOZA ALBERT! "SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCES" Tms. "Rollicking humour, sharp satire... stunningly original" Obs.

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FORTUNE Cov Gdn. Air Cond. 836 2238. CC hotline 930 9232. Grps 930 6123. Mon to Fri eves 8pm. Sat 5 & 8.45. Mats (Children ½ price) Thurs 3.00. DENIS LAWSON. "Glorious" F. Times. "Gives best performance in town" Obs. CHRISTINA MATTHEWS "Sings like an angel" D. Mail. MR CINDERS. Music by Vivian Ellis. "...SHOULD ON NO ACCOUNT BE MISSED" S. Telegraph. MR CINDERS. "INTOXICATING AS PINK CHAMPAGNE" Times. NOW BOOKING FOR XMAS.

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GREENWICH. 01-858 7755. Eves 7.45. SUSANNAH YORK, HONOR BLACKMAN in AGNES OF GOD. Sat Mat 4.00.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE (Air Cond) 722 9301. BAD LANGUAGE by Dusty Hughes. Last two weeks. Evgs 8.00. Mat Sat 4.30. "Bad Language will delight" Std. "A World where broad humour, passion & dry wit convincingly live together" Gdn.

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HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE 930 6606. 7 cc 930 4025/6. Evgs Mon-Sat 7.30. Mats Weds & Sats 2.30. "It's The Greatest Show On Short Legs" E. Exp. BUGSY MALONE on Stage NOW. "Superb singing & dancing." "A DELIGHT... SHEER EXUBERANCE... MAGIC" BBC Radio. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Credit Card Hotline 01-930 9232. ALL CHILDREN £5 ONLY. BUGSY'S BIRTHDAY BONANZA TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH PERFORMANCE ALL UNSOLD SEATS AVAILABLE 1 HOUR BEFORE EACH PERF. WILL BE SOLD AT SPECIAL BIRTHDAY BONANZA PRICE OF £3 UNTIL SAT 3RD SEPTEMBER.

JEANNETTA COCHRANE THEATRE, Southampton Row, WC2. 01 242 7040. THE NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE in CHARLOTTE, EMILY AND ANNE by Douglas Verrall. A play sponsored by TEXACO. Opens Tonight at 7.00pm. Subs evgs 7.30. (no perf Aug 29)

KINGS HEAD 226 1916. Dnr 6.45. Show 7.45 THE KILLING OF MR TOAD by David Gooderson.

LA VIE EN ROSE CC. Gt. Windmill Street W1. 437 6312/8380. RESTAURANT CABARET, BAR, LASER DISCO. Nightly at 11 pm. THE SPECTACULAR GLAMOROUS REVUE. BIZZARE. A BIG SMASH MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA WITH A HUGE CAST OF INTERNATIONAL ARTISTES. "Genuinely spectacular... Decadence with style" Standard. "Lavish late-night entertainment" D. Exp. "Sophistication... the cabaret is spot on target" F.T. 8 pm – 2 am. Admission for Non-Diners £10.

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LYRIC THEATRE 437 3686 'S' c.c. Group Sales 930 6123. Evgs 7.30. Fri & Sat 5.0 & 8.15. "THE BEST BRITISH MUSICAL SINCE JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR" T Out. BARBARA DICKSON in BLOOD BROTHERS. The WILLY RUSSELL Musical. From September 5 Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed 3.0. Sats 5.0 & 8.15.

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH. s cc 741 2311. 5 Sept – 15 Oct CRIME & PUNISHMENT dir by Yuri Lyubimov USSR.

LYTTELTON (NT's proscenium stage). Today 3.00 (low price mat) & 7.45. Tomor 7.45 THE TROJAN WAR WILL NOT TAKE PLACE by Giraudoux.

MAYFAIR S cc 629 3036. Mon-Thur 8. Fri & Sat 6 & 8.30. RICHARD TODD. Eric Lander, Brigid O'Hara in THE BUSINESS OF MURDER. "The best thriller for years" S.Mir. "An unabashed winner" S.Ex. "A thriller that achieves it all. Sensational!" Times. "The most ingenious mystery to have appeared in a decade. A play to be seen" D.Mail. THIRD GREAT YEAR. OVER 1,000 PERFORMANCES.

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NEW LONDON cc Drury Lane WC2. 01-405 0072 or 01-404 4079. Evgs 7.45. Tues & Sat 3.0 & 7.45. THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER/T. S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNING MUSICAL CATS. Group Bookings 01-405 1567 or 930 6123. Apply daily to Box Office for returns. LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION. PLEASE BE PROMPT. Bars open 6.45pm. NOW BOOKING TO JAN '84.

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OLIVIER (NT's open stage): Low price previews from Fri 7.15 TALES FROM HOLLYWOOD by Christopher Hampton.

OPEN AIR THEATRE, REGENT'S PARK S 486 2431. CC 930 9232. BASHVILLE – the new Bernard Shaw musical. "Great fun" Obs. "Charming, Elegant, Stylish" D.Tel. "The best new musical we have seen in an age" What's On. Today 2.30 & 8.00. AS YOU LIKE IT Thurs 2.30 & 7.45. A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Fri 7.45. Sat 2.30 & 7.45. Final week of season.

PALACE 437 6834 cc 437 8327. NOW BOOKING THROUGH 1983. "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S LATEST TRIUMPH" D Exp. SONG AND DANCE. Starring LULU in TELL ME ON A SUNDAY and GRAHAM FLETCHER in VARIATIONS. "AN EXPLOSION OF MAGIC SUPERB STUFF – RUN TO IT" S Times. Eves 8.0. Fri & Sat 5.45 & 8.30. Some good seats still available most perfs. Group sales 437 6834. 930 6123. SECOND GREAT YEAR.

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PICCADILLY – Entrance from 11pm. £5. Licensed until 3am. Music, Dancing, Midnight Cabaret. This week: CLEM CURTIS & THE FOUNDATIONS. Supper avail.

PRINCE EDWARD. Tel 01-437 6877. Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's EVITA. Directed by Harold Prince. Evgs 8.0. Mats Thurs & Sat at 3.0. Evg perfs end 10.15. C.C. Hotline 439 8499. Group Sales 930 6123 or Box Office.

PRINCE OF WALES 930 8681. Eves 8.00. Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30. A THOROUGHLY MODERN MIKADO S. Times. "Exuberant, gorgeously colourful production" F.T. "A terrific night out..." "DON'T MISS IT!" N.o.W. THE LOWEST PRICES FOR A MAJOR MUSICAL IN LONDON.

QUEEN'S. SCC 01-734 1166; 439 3849/4031. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Evenings 8.00. Mat Wed 3.00. Sat 5.15, 8.30. PLAY OF THE YEAR. Society of West End Theatre Award. "ANOTHER COUNTRY" by Julian Mitchell.

RAYMOND REVUEBAR cc 734 1593. Mon-Sat 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m. Paul Raymond presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA. Now! New acts. New thrills. New sensations for this our SILVER JUBILEE 1958-1983.

ROYAL COURT (Air Conditioned) S CC 730 1746. Joint Stock in FEN BY CARYL CHURCHILL. "Brilliant" Village Voice. "Superb" Time Mag. "Magnificent" C. Limits. Last week. Evgs 8.0. Sat Mat 4.0. Sat Mat all seats £2.

ROYAL COURT THEATRE UPSTAIRS 730 2554. THE DEVIL'S GATEWAY by Sarah Daniels. Prev Ton't, Tomor 7.30. Opens Fri 7.00. Sub Evgs 7.30. No perf Bank Hol Mon.

SAVOY. 836 8888. Credit cards only 01-836 0641. Mon-Fri evgs 7.45. Matinee Wed 3.0. Sats 5.0 & 8.30. BEST COMEDY OF THE YEAR – Standard Drama Award AND Society of West End Theatres Award. BENJAMIN WHITROW, PHYLLIDA LAW, ROBERT FLEMYNG, JOHN QUAYLE, GABRIELLE DRAKE, GLYN GRAIN. NOISES OFF. MICHAEL FRAYN'S NEW COMEDY directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE. "THE FUNNIEST PLAY I HAVE EVER SEEN IN THE WEST END" Times.

SHAFTESBURY Shaftesbury Avenue. THE THEATRE OF COMEDY. "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" DM. RICHARD BRIERS, BERNARD CRIBBINS. RUN FOR YOUR WIFE. Written and Directed by RAY COONEY. Evgs 8.0. Mats Wed 2.30. Sat 5.30 and 8.30. POPULAR PRICES MON, THURS, MATS WED £1 to £5. Box Office 01-836 6596 or 01-836 4255. Credit card hotline 01-930 9232 (8 lines). Group Sales 01-930 6123. FROM AUGUST 29 ERIC SYKES & TERRY SCOTT.

SHAW THEATRE. 01-388 1394. 100 Euston Road, NW1. THE NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE in the TEXACO prize-winning play by Christopher Short. FOR THOSE IN PERIL. 7.30pm. Subs evgs 7.30. Until Aug 27.

STRAND WC2 01-836 2660 4143. Credit Cards only 01-836 0641. Evgs 7.30. Wed 2.30. Sat 5.0 & 8.30. BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR. Standard Drama Award and Plays and Players London Critics Award. Susan Penhaligon, Paul Shelley, Judy Geeson, Richard Warwick in TOM STOPPARD'S new play THE REAL THING. Directed by Peter Wood.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY in HENRY VIII "...a constant feast for the eyes" Spectator. Tomor 7.30. JULIUS CAESAR "...vigorous new production" F. Times. Tomor, Sat 1.30. THE COMEDY OF ERRORS "...inspired lunacy..." For spec hotel stopover ring 0789 67262.

ST. MARTIN'S, 836 1443. Special CC No 930 9232. Evgs. 8.00. Tues. 2.45. Sats 5.00 & 8.00. AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP. 31st YEAR. SORRY No reduced prices from any source, but seats bookable from £3.00. FULLY AIR COND THEATRE.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE, WC2. 836 9988 cc 01-930 9232 (8 lines). Group Sales 930 6123. Red. price prevs tonight. Opens tomorrow at 7. GLENDA JACKSON in GREAT & SMALL. a new play by Botho Strauss. Dir. by Keith Hack. Evenings 8.0. Weds. Mat 2.45. Sats 4.30 & 8.0.

VICTORIA PALACE 834 1317. THE WORLD PREMIERE OF ROBIN COUSINS ELECTRIC ICE. Red price prevs from tonight. YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! Eves 7.30. Mat Thurs & Sat 3.00.

WYNDHAM'S Air Cond. S 836 3028. cc 379 6565. 930 9232. Grps 836 3962. Eves 8.15. Wed Mat 3.0. Sat 5.00 & 8.30. SIR JOHN MILLS. "What a night. What a Knight!" D. Mi. ANTHONY BATE, CONNIE BOOTH, PAUL HARDWICK in LITTLE LIES. "THE BEST FUN TO BE HAD" Daily Tele. "MADHOUSE" Times.

YOUNG VIC (Waterloo) 928 6363. Eves 7.45. All seats £2.50. Beatles Musical by Willy Russell. JOHN, PAUL, GEORGE, RINGO ...AND BERT until AUG 13 & Sept 1, 2, 3. New Musical OUR DAY OUT Aug 26, 27, 30, 31.

CINEMAS

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. Margarethe Von Trotta's FRIENDS AND HUSBANDS (15). Progs 2.15 (not Sun), 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.

ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Rohmer's prize-winning PAULINE AT THE BEACH (15). Progs 2.35 (not Sun), 4.40, 6.45, 8.50.

ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. Marcel Carne's LE JOUR SE LEVE (PG) (15). Progs 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. "Absolutely marvellous" Dilys Powell.

CAMDEN PLAZA. 485 2443 opp. Camden Town Tube. Bergman's FANNY AND ALEXANDER (15). Progs 3.20 & 7.15. MUST END WED 24th Aug. From THURS. 25th David Bowie & Tom Conti in Oshima's MERRY CHRISTMAS MR LAWRENCE (15). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40. Seats bookable 8.40 perf.

CLASSIC HAYMARKET Piccadilly Circus 839 1527. MICHAEL CAINE, JULIE WALTERS EDUCATING RITA (15). 1.50 (not Sun), 4.00, 6.10, 8.30.

CURZON, Curzon St W1. 01-499 3737. Julie Christie, Shashi Kapoor, in Heat and Dust (15). Film at 1.00 (not Sun) 3.30, 6.00 & 8.35 pm. "It is quite simply superb" D. Tel. "See it and marvel" F.T. Seventh record-breaking month.

GATE BLOOMSBURY, 1 & 2. 837 8402/1177. Russell Sq Tube. 1: ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE (15) 4.45, 6.45, 8.45. 2: THE PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH (15) 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Lic'd Bar. Maj cred cds accep. Air conditioned.

GATE MAYFAIR 493 2031. MAYFAIR HOTEL, Stratton Street. Green Pk Tb. Scorsese's THE KING of COMEDY (PG) 5.00, 7.00, 9.05. Air conditioned.

GATE NOTTING HILL 221 0220/727 5750. RUNNERS (15) 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Maj cred cds accept.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252). RETURN OF THE JEDI (U). Sep progs dly 1.40, 5.10, 8.40. No Advance Booking.

MINEMA 45 Knightsbridge 235 4225. "THE RISE TO POWER OF LOUIS XIV" (U). Daily: 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. "A fascinating experience" (Guardian). "Ravishing... nothing less than astonishing" (C. Limits).

ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738). WALT DISNEY'S FANTASIA (U). A new Digital Recording in Full Stereophonic Sound. Sep progs 1.50, 5.00, 8.10. All seats bookable at Box Office or by post.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111). For info 930 4250, 4259. WARGAMES (PG). Sep progs. Doors open 1.00, 4.15, 7.45. Late Night Show Dly (not Sun, Mon). Advance Booking for last perf only (not late show) by post or at Box Office. Access and Visa accepted 24 hours in advance.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH W2 (723 2011) OCTOPUSSY (PG). Sep progs. Doors open Daily 1.25, 4.25, 7.25. Box office open seven days a week from 1.00 pm – 8pm. All performances bookable. Reduced prices for children.

SCREEN ON THE HILL 435 3366 (Belsize Pk tube). Fassbinder's last masterpiece QUERELLE (18) 2.30, 4.35, 7.00, 9.15. Air conditioned. Lic bar. Club Show. Instant membership.

WARNER WEST END 1 Leicester Square 439 0791. MICHAEL CAINE, JULIE WALTERS EDUCATING RITA (15). Mon-Sat Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25. Sun 3.30, 5.45, 8.00.

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY D'OFFAY 23 Dering St, W1. "European works on paper" 499 4695.

BRITISH LIBRARY, Great Russell Street, WC1. THE MIRROR OF THE WORLD: antiquarian maps. Until 31 December. Weekdays 10-5. Sundays 2.30-6. Admission free.

LEFEVRE GALLERY, 30 Bruton St., W1. 01-493 1572/3. Contemporary paintings on view. Mon-Fri 10-5 and Sats 10-12.45.

MARLBOROUGH 6 Albemarle St. W1. Henry Moore – 85th Birthday Ex. extended to 3 September '83 (illus. Cat. £10). Tel. 01-629 5161. Mon-Fri 10-5.30. Sats 10-12.30.

NATIONAL GALLERY, Trafalgar Square, WC2. MANET AT WORK. Until 9 October. Wkdys. 10-6. Suns 2-6. Adm. free. Recorded information 01 839 3526.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY, St Martin's Place, London WC2. 01-930 1552. HARRY FURNISS. Edwardian caricatures. Until 25 September. Adm free. Mon-Fri, Sats 10-6, Sun 2-6.

PARKIN GALLERY, 11 Motcomb St, SW1. 01-235 8144 "Summer Exhibition of Modern British Art 1860 – 1950".

ROYAL ACADEMY, Burlington House, Piccadilly. Open 10-6 daily (Closed Bank Holiday 29 Aug). THE SUMMER EXHIBITION until Aug 28. Adm £2. Sundays until 1.45 and concessionary rate £1. Mondays 50p. TRISTRAM HILLIER RA until Sept 18. Admin £1.20. Sundays until 1.45 and concessionary rate 80p.

ROYAL ACADEMY, Burlington Hse, Piccadilly. Edward Beale. Paintings and drawings. Till Sept 1. Admin free. 10-6 daily. Sun 2-5.30.

THE MALL GALLERIES The Mall SW1. Paintings by H. S. Yeung – Chinese artist. Until 24 August. Adm. free. Mon-Sun 10-5.

THE SCULPTURE SHOW. An Arts Council exhibition. Hayward Gallery, and on the South Bank, SE1. Mon-Thurs 10-8, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-6 and Serpentine Gallery and in Kensington Gardens, W2 Mon-Fri 10-6, Sat Sun 10-7. Admission free to both. Open Bank Holiday Monday 29 August.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, S Kensington. Artists of the Tudor Court. Until Nov 6. Adm. £2. Dress collection open. Oliver Messel. Until Oct 30. Common Chronicle. Until Sept 11. Cole Wine – Joseph Beuys. Until Oct 2. Wkdys 10-5.50. Suns 2.30-5.50. Closed Fridays. Recorded information 01 581 4894.

Unions decide on soft line to fight Tebbit's reforms

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Battle lines for the debate within the TUC over "talking to Tebbit" were drawn up at a heated meeting of 17 union leaders last night.

The moderates said they were satisfied with the outcome, but left-wingers will still try to reimpose the boycott on discussions with Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, and enforce a policy of non-compliance with his forthcoming labour legislation.

After a three hour discussion a composite motion was drawn up putting the accent on constructive approaches to persuade the Government to withdraw this latest reform.

The motion's key section expresses alarm at the "mounting legislative attack on trade union rights and democracy" but decides that the proposals are best opposed by reasoned discussion, and by explaining to the public that Mr Tebbit's plans are unfair and impractical.

It instructs the TUC general council "to use every possible means to convey its reasoned opposition to the Employment Secretary's proposals and to dissuade the Government from taking further legislative steps on the basis of the most vigorous defence of union internal democracy plus a determination to advance union rights in the face of employer resistance".

But the white-collar engineering workers' union Tass is sticking to an amendment asserting that "there can be no discussion with the Government on the subject of anti-union legislation".

An amendment from the National Union of Mineworkers asks all affiliated unions to pursue a vigorous policy on non-cooperation with the authors and executors of "this attack" and non-compliance with any legislation resulting directly from it.

The miners' union is likely to come under heavy pressure before next month's Blackpool conference to withdraw its amendment on the ground that its defeat would suggest that the TUC is obliged to comply with Mr Tebbit's plan to compel secret ballots for electing the governing bodies of unions and before big strikes.

Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association and a leading advocate of the moderates' policy of "talking to Tebbit", said: "There will now be a clear-cut decision by the Congress in favour of dealing with its latest legislation by reasoned discussion with the Government and convincing the public of the unfair and impractical nature of the proposals, rather than getting locked into rhetoric about non-compliance and industrial action."

Union leaders in yesterday's "grouping" meeting reported that tempers flared several times as the left sought to commit the TUC to a continuing boycott.

But the final text of the composite motion was agreed by nine votes to three, and it is expected to command a big majority at Blackpool.

The policy motion also condemns government moves to introduce no-strike agreements into the public services as "no more than naked blackmail and exactly the the style of intervention that will undermine collective bargaining arrangements and create further industrial disputes".

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Gas 'still too cheap'

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made no official announcement. The National Gas Consumers' Council said that it would continue to press for a gas price freeze this autumn.

Calculations by Deloitte's show that the domestic gas tariff of 33.5 pence a therm would need to rise by 4.8p a therm if the corporation was to cover its marginal costs. Industrial and commercial tariffs would need to rise by an average of 1.8p a therm.

At the same time, Deloitte's say that the corporation could save up to £100m by improving efficiency in some of its regions, particularly in customer services, and accounting. The highest-cost region, North Thames, has nearly 50 per cent higher costs than the lowest, East Midlands.

Among other recommendations, Deloite's say British Gas should patch up its poor relations with Government

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None too young or frail to face the enemy

A 12-year-old Nicaraguen boy (above right) not much taller than the Kalashnikov rifle he carries, is shown as part of a forward patrol at El *Ciute, north of Jalapa in Nueva* Segovia, the scene of heavy fighting earlier this summer (Henry Stanhope writes).

The Honduras border, across which come insurgents backed by the United States the so-*called "contras", who oppose* the Sandinista Government in Manugua, is only a few hundred yards away.

Women havee also been serving in the Nigaragnen front line with regular troops, while *men in their seventies* are among local farmers in northern Nicaragua who have banded together in their own militia to protect coffee crops against the 800 or so anti-government guerrillas in the mountains.

Latest reports from Central America, however, say that the threat of all-out war between Nicaragua and Honduras has receded in recent weeks.

Bernd Debusmann, a Reuter correspondent, says after an *80-mile* tour of the frontier that Nicaraguan patrols are now taking pains to avoid clashes which could lead to open conflict.

This evidence of restraint, which can be found apparently on both sides, comes when the United States is deploying as many as 5,600 troops in joint exercises with Honduras,

***The relative quiet* has encouraged the return of thousands of civilians**

***(Photographs by Piers* Cavendish)**

£18m order reprieves steel jobs

Nearly 400 redundant North-east steel workers are being taken back on by British Steel, and two mills reopened, after the corporation's success in winning a £18m contract.

The deal announced yesterday, to supply 40,000 tonnes of *piping to bring gas ashore* was won from Shell

It is British Steel plates' third big North Sea contract since May and will mean that the Hartlepool plate and pipe mills, closed within five months of each other this year with the loss of 1,300 jobs, have won at least a temporary reprieve.

British Steel has been quietly *recruiting 130 men for* the Hartlepool plate mill in anticipation of winning the order, and it announced yesterday that another 250 men would be needed at the mill.

Labour's hard left to set up national group

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changes for a leadership electoral college and regular reselection of Labour MPs.

One attempt to create a successor to RFMC, Labour Liaison 82, which was supported by Mr Wedgwood Benn, failed to attract the essential interest of "union broad left groups" and was eventually wound up. But Labour MPs have since created a Campaign Group in the hope of stimulating and coordinating action inside and outside Parliament.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn, the new Labour MP for Islington, North, was the *London Labour Briefing* representative on Labour Liaison 82 and has attended meetings of the Campaign Group in the Commons. *Mr Corbyn is visiting* Nicaragua and could not be contacted.

Meanwhile, the agent for Islington, South and Finsbury, Ms Liz Philipson, who is Mr Corbyn's personal assistant, issued a statement yesterday condemning newspaper reports about the constituency's delegate to this year's party conference at Brighton, Mr David Jones, who is a member of the Socialist League, the Trotskyist successor to the International Marxist League.

The league, which *is* alleged to have planted "moles" in British Leyland's Cowley works, was reported to have infiltrated as many as 1,000 members inside the Labour Party. One particularly well-infored source, however, put the figure at 550 – "at most".

Ms Philipson, said that Mr Jones had been democratically elected as constituency delegate

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Zia claims situation fully under control

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uprising to the rest of the country, the main weight of the protest is still only being felt in Sind Province, the southernmost part of the country. In the North West Frontier Province, in Baluchistan and most especially in the Punjab, all that happens is that each day a few leading politicians court arrest in a public square and are led away by police, often to be released later in the day.

This, however, was the pattern during the civil disorders that led to the downfall of the government headed by Mr Ali Bhutto. The unrest *began in Sind* and went *on there* for 20 days before the Punjab began to join in.

This time certain things are different. In this agitation the leadership is coming from feudal landlords of the province, from the landed aristocracy and from the hereditary religious leaders, the *pirs* and *mirs* of Sind.

The pir of Ranipur on Monday led his followers into the bloody violence of that day. Yesterday the *pir* of Hala took his followers *out* on a protest march which, however, ended peacefully. The depth of feeling in the province is such that the hereditary leaders feel pressed to maintain their positions by being out in front during the protest.

The same depth of feeling does not affect the Punjab, when many of the leaders of the political parties are already safely behind bars and the Pakistan People's Party, which is the driving force behind the *demonstrations in Sind*, operates independently in the Punjab. Its leadership there has often been at odds with the Sindi leaders.

Meanwhile in Karachi itself, the bitter smell of tear gas hangs *over the* crowded market area of Chakiwara. Yesterday the MRD announced that a prayer meeting would be held to mourn those who have died in the campaign. Not much praying was done, however.

The cries of "Zia is a dog" and "Death to Zia", went on for two hours, while the police made foray after foray into the streets where their quarry melted away. General Zia was greeted in Karachi by 15,000 pro-regime demonstrators whom he told that the authorities had the situation in the country fully under control.

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne opens the Thamesdown Housing Association's Elderly Persons Grouped Dwelling at Park Farm, Moredon, Swindon, Wiltshire, 3.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits the Pier Arts Centre in Stromness, Orkney, 11.50; and attends a service of dedication in St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, 4.30.

Exhibitions in progress

Art of the mastercraftsmen: Pre-Columbian ceramics of Peru, City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Oct 1).

Scotland's heritage: printed books and learning, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh; Mon to Fri, 9.30 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1, Sun to 5 (ends Sept 30).

Tomorrow's Technology Today, Design Centre, 72 Vincent Street, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5, Sat 9 to 5 (ends Sept 10).

Through Children's Eyes, Arts Council touring exhibition, Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hall; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (ends Sept 11).

The Glasgow Tram, 21 years after, Museum of Transport, 35 Albert Drive, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Oct 30).

Paintings by Mike Lawson, Atkinson Art Gallery, Lord Street, Southport; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Thurs and Sat 10 to 1 (ends Sept 3).

Work of Malvern Art Club, Public Library, Malvern; Library hours, Mon to Sat, closed Wed and Sun (ends Sept 10).

Virgil in Britain: books and graphics, Somerset County Museum, Taunton Castle; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Sept 2).

Paul Klee, his life and work: drawings by Julio Gonzales; Homage to Miro, presented by Joaquim Gomis; Tolly Cobbold Eastern Arts exhibition; all at Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Sept 18).

New prints by Donald Wilkinson; and Harlequin's Carnival: ceramics by Ann Turner: Oxford Gallery, 23 High Street, Oxford; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Aug 29; (ends Sept 14).

So this is what we do with lead, Peak District Mining Museum Pump Room Pavilion, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire; daily 11 to 5 (ends Sept 11).

The Working Horse: photographs, Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Central Library, Lichfield Street; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45, closed Aug 29 and 30 (ends Sept 10).

South Wales potters, Turner House, Plymouth Road, Penarth; Tues to Sat 11 to 12.45 and 2 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Sept 18).

Last chance to see

Work of Ayr Sketch Club, Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends today).

Music

Julian Bream Lute Consort with Robert Tear, Sutton Place, near Guildford, Surrey, 7.30.

Three Choirs Festival Concert with City of London Sinfonia and Richard Hickox Singers, Tewkesbury Abbey, 3.

Vocal recital by Ann and Alan Burnett Ryde Parish Church, Isle of Wight, 8.

Organ recital by Dennis Townhill, St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, 11.

Organ recital by David M Patrick, Bath Abbey, 8.

Recital by Choir of Leeds Parish Church, St John's Princes Street, Edinburgh, 6.30.

Recital by Rajasthan folk Musicians, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 12.

Recital by David Crowther (recorder) and Joan Crowther (contralto), Lincoln Minister, 12.30.

Organ recital by Geoffrey Hannant, Norwich Cathedral, 8.

Walks

Georgian Ayr and Tower of St John, meet Town Hall, Ayr, 2pm.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,216

ACROSS

1 Girl's given credit as an air-traffic controller (8).
9 At home the man has something to pay, it's natural (8).
10 Present in 9 (4).
11 Getting paid for lapse is no different (12).
13 The way papers burn (6).
14 Happening to put two numbers in order (8).
15 Show curiosity about primitive primness (7).
16 Eastern doctor going by old ship put under ban (7).
20 Aquatic creature has to stay back by river (8).
22 Make an anagram of repair (6).
23 Train men to nuclear terminology (12).
25 A river, no? Yes! (4).
26 King's not dead; the business is out in the open (8).
27 Description of what's left is held back in Sir Harry's return (8).

DOWN

2 One making speeches about gym, or one who performs (8).
3 Cooking she's piped her mashed potato over the meat (9,3).
4 Grass, not out of an earlier time (8).
5 Kind of energy the family appears to call up (7).
6 Dose with some of Murphy's ice-cream (6).
7 Near the middle (4).
8 There's some point to it; let's change that (8).
12 Appendage of an elderly type of climber (3,4,5).
15 Ginger-beer consumed by bird – that's dandy! (8).
17 He's entitled to damage that French ship (8).
18 Flowery plot, one with a shrub (8).
19 Council member set 25 adrift (7).
21 Cut in magnitude, we hear (6).
24 Resentment when I'm turned up very loud (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,215

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New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Edinburgh and the Borders in verse, edited with an introduction by Allan Massie (Secker & Warburg, £5.95)
Heartburn, by Nora Ephron (Heinemann, £7.95)
London, City of the Romans, by Ralph Merrifield (Batsford, £14.95)
Lovely is the Lee, by Robert Gibbins (Dent, £8.95)
Mohammed, Charlemagne and the Origins of Europe, by Richard Hodges and David Whitehouse (Duckworth, £19.50; paperback, £7.95)
Self Condemned, by Wyndham Lewis, afterword by Roland Smith (Carcanet, £8.95)
Sulla the Last Republican, by Arthur Keaveney (Croom Helm, £16.95)
The Lord's Taveners' Fifty Greatest, selected by Trevor Bailey, Richie Benaud, Colin Cowdrey, and Jim Laker (Heinemann, £12.95)
The Pig in Art, by Michael Ryba (Orbis, £4.95)
Vanessa Bell, by Frances Spalding (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95) PH

Anniversaries

Births: George Stubbs, animal painter, Liverpool, 1724; William Wilberforce, Hull, 1759; James Weddell, explorer, Ostend, 1787; Sir Max Beerbohm, London, 1872. Deaths: Thomas Chatterton, the boy poet, committed suicide, London, 1770; Nicolas Léonard Carnot, scientist, Paris, 1832. Mount Vesuvius erupted destroying Pompeii and Herculaneum and killing 200,000 people, AD79. The Massacre of Huguenots began in Paris: throughout France 70,000 were put to death, 1572. The Act of Uniformity came into force, requiring the clergy to assent publicly to the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.

Today is the Feast of Saint Bartholemew the Apostle who is identified with Nathanael (John i, 45). He is said to have been a missionary in India. Batholemew was martyred, possibly in Armenia. The traditional account is that he was flayed alive, and in Michelangelo's "Last Judgment" he is depicted with his own skin hanging over his arm.

New stamps

Four centuries of British gardens are celebrated on a new set of stamps which go on sale at post offices from today to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the death of Lancelot "Capability" Brown, the landscape gardener.

The stamps were designed by Liz Butler, a watercolour artist from Kensington in London.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.79	1.71
Austria Sch	29.25	27.85
Belgium Fr	83.80	79.80
Canada $	1.95	1.87
Denmark Kr	15.02	14.32
Finland Mkk	9.00	8.60
France Fr	12.48	11.93
Germany DM	4.16	3.96
Greece Dr	149.00	137.00
Hongkong $	11.70	11.10
Italy Lira	2485.00	2365.00
Japan Yen	386.00	368.00
Netherlands Gld	4.66	4.44
Norway Kr	11.73	11.16
Portugal Esc	190.00	181.00
South Africa Rd	1.97	1.82
Spain Pta	233.75	222.75
Sweden Kr	12.40	11.80
Switzerland Fr	3.38	3.22
USA $	1.57	1.52
Yugoslavia Dnr	refer	153.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 336.5.

London: the *FT* Index closed down 16.4 at 724.

Roads

London and South-east: Market *Place closed, part of Kingston* one-way sustem. M1: closed between junctions 6 and 7 (St Albans and M10 turnoff) from 8pm to 6 am tomorrow.

Midlands: Skegness Illuminations: Extra traffic on A158 and A52. M1: One carriageway shared between junctions 15 and 16 (Northampton). A6: Single lane, temporary lights at Oadby, Leicestershire.

North: M1: Contraflow, restricted access between *junctions 30* and *31* near Sheffield. M63: Northbound slip road onto M62 closed; alternative route signposted near Preston, Lancashire. A537: Buxton Road, Macclesfield. Closed between Commercial Road and French Avenue; alternative route signposted.

Wales and West: M5: Lanes closed between junctions 21 and 24 (Weston-super-Mare to Bridgwater). A55: Temporary lights at Llandegai, *Gwynedd. A417/A435: Roadworks* at Cirencester.

Scotland: Argyllshire Highland Gathering, Oban, Strathclyde: extra traffic on A85 and A816. Edinburgh Military Tattoo and Festival: extra traffic in city centre each evening. A85: Lanes closed at Inchture, Perthshire.

Information supplied by the AA.

The paper

The Daily Express offers this advice to Labour: "Don't draw up a list of all the bad guys in the party – that would take for ever. Just list all those who still represent the old: honourable, sane, patriotic, election-winning Labour Party. Then they could all jump in a cab – and go off to join the SDP."

The Daily Star comments that the Sussex University Science *Research Unit's survey of what it is* like to be jobless "well-intentioned as it undoubtedly is, almost a textbook version of what every *unemployed person does not want* to read about himself. . . Indeed it is difficult to see what use can be made of it by anybody, jobless or *otherwise. The unemployed are not* rats in a laboratory cage, to be prodded and measured."

According to the National Institute's *economic preview*, "and to almost every other independent forecaster, the only way to more jobs, an expanding economy and a brighter future is for the Government to spend the money to create it," the Daily Mirror says. "But that it won't do. In the lunatic world that is our economy, the Government prefers to borrow and to tax to keep people out of work rather than spend to put them into it."

Weather forecast

The pressure pattern will continue very slack over Britain.

6am to midnight

London, Central S England, E Midlands: Fog clearing, sunny intervals, scattered showers, some heavy; wind variable, mainly N, light; max temp 25 or 26C (77 to 79F).

SE England, East Anglia: Fog clearing, except near some coasts, sunny intervals, scattered showers, some heavy; wind mainly N, light or moderate; max temp 25 or 26C (77 to 79F).

E, NE England: Mainly dry, fog patches clearing, except near some coasts, sunny periods later; wind variable, light; max temp 23 to 25C (73 to 77F).

W Midlands, Central N England: Fog patches clearing, sunny periods, mainly dry; wind calm or variable, light; max temp 24 or 25C (75 to 77F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Cloudy, perhaps drizzle near coasts, sunny intervals later; wind variable, mainly N, light; max temp 22 to 24C (72 to 75F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District: Cloudy, perhaps drizzle near coasts, sunny intervals later; wind variable, light; max temp 22 to 24C (72 to 75F).

Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Fog patches clearing, sunny intervals later, mainly dry; wind variable, mainly SW, light; max temp 21 or 22C (70 to 72F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Fog patches clearing, sunny periods, mainly dry; wind variable, light; max temp 22 to 24C (72 to 75F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, drizzle at times, hill and coastal fog patches, some drier, brighter intervals; wind SW, moderate, locally fresh; max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry, some rain in NW Scotland. Fog patches. Generally very warm.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind variable, mainly NE, light; sea smooth. English Channel (E), St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind variable, mainly N, light; sea smooth.

Sun rises: 5.59am Sun sets: 8.06pm
Moon sets: 6.25am Moon rises: 8.56pm
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Lighting-up time

London 8.36 pm to 5.31 am
Bristol 8.46 pm to 5.41 am
Edinburgh 8.59 pm to 5.32 am
Manchester 8.49 pm to 5.36 am
Penzance 8.54 pm to 5.55 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

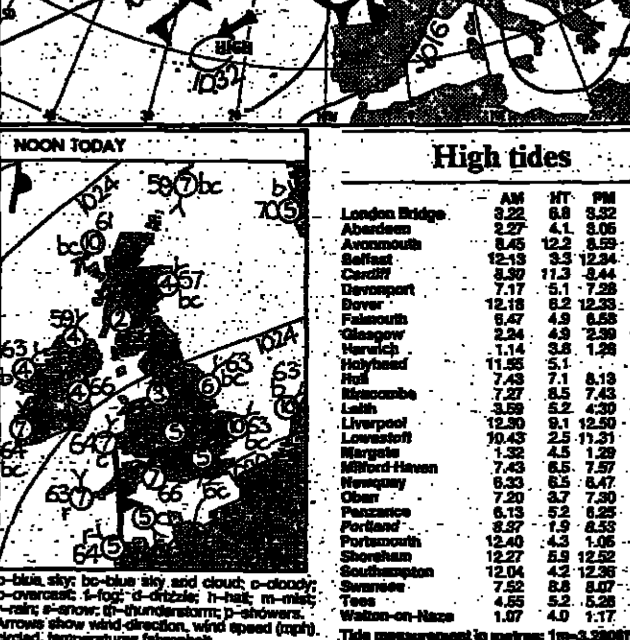
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	18	64	Guernsey	c	17	63
Birmingham	f	23	73	Inverness	c	16	61
Blackpool	s	21	70	Jersey	f	20	68
Bristol	s	22	72	London	f	24	75
Cardiff	f	21	70	Manchester	f	22	72
Edinburgh	r	15	59	Newcastle	f	22	72
Glasgow	r	15	59	Ronaldsway	c	16	61

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 25C (77F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 17C (63F). Humidity: 6 pm, 61 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 3.9 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,018.8 millibars falling.

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Wyton, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Turnhouse, 0.90in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, 11.5hr.



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperature centigrade.

High tides

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Around Britain

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Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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